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Senate Resolution No. 2105

BY: Senator MAY

COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of InclusiveU
of Syracuse University

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to foster the health and well-being of its citizens and engage in a conscientious commitment to advancing the safety and advocacy for individuals with disabilities across this great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of InclusiveU of Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, InclusiveU calls the Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education its home at Syracuse University, a leading institution for special education research and focus on accessibility and inclusion for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, InclusiveU brings students of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to experience college life in a fully inclusive setting to Syracuse University; the organization offers meaningful and impactful opportunities for our students to participate in every aspect of campus life; and

WHEREAS, InclusiveU has 100 enrolled students, making it the largest inclusive campus in the country; about forty of these students live in residence halls, fully inclusive with their peers; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2014, InclusiveU became a federally recognized program in 2015; the organization has received national attention from the New York Times, the Huffington Post, as well as other publications, and received designation as a Comprehensive Transition Program through the U.S. Department of Education in 2018; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, InclusiveU and the Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education helped to establish the Syracuse University Center on Disability and Inclusion, which undoubtedly has, and will continue to have, an immeasurable positive impact on the lives of individual students and the campus community as a whole for years to come; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, InclusiveU of Syracuse University has demonstrated the value of providing equitable and inclusive opportunities to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, which, in turn, enriches the social, cultural, moral, and economic state of New York and the Nation as a whole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of InclusiveU of Syracuse University; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to InclusiveU.