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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of A Community of Excellence Award by The College of Saint Rose on June 22, 2012

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of A Community of Excellence Award by The College of Saint Rose, to be celebrated at a special black-tie dinner event at the College on Friday, June 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan is the current President of The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, who is stepping down after 16 years in this role; he will remain at the College after he leaves the presidency to lead the R. Mark Sullivan Institute for Leadership in Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, His wife, Kathleen Sullivan has been an integral part of The College of Saint Rose and is also being honored for her many contributions to the College; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Kathleen Sullivan is a medical technologist who specializes in clinical microbiology; she also instructs students who are entering the field; and

WHEREAS, In spite of her interest in, and knowledge of microbiology, Kathleen Sullivan is thought of predominantly as an ambassador for The

College of Saint Rose; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, Kathleen Sullivan has been an active member of the Saint Rose community and the city of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ever present at Golden Knights basketball, baseball and soccer games, as well as alumni events, campus lectures, trustee dinners and Massry Center performances, Kathleen Sullivan has spent numerous evenings and weekends supporting the College and its students; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Sullivan has also been known to mentor a student in need of a parental figure away from home and she is often seen inquiring about an employee's sick relative and delivering meals when a Saint Rose family can use the help; and

WHEREAS, Currently ending his term as the eighth president of The College of Saint Rose, over his 16 years, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan has seen to it that Saint Rose professors and their students had the tools they needed in order to shine and, ultimately, contribute to the larger world; and

WHEREAS, From new academic facilities for every school, new residence halls and 14 acres of top-notch intercollegiate fields carved out of a rundown Albany park, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan has raised the bar at The College of Saint Rose higher than most anyone imagined; and

WHEREAS, Under his luminous leadership, The College of Saint Rose constructed a prominent home for its renowned education programs, new classrooms and labs in the Science Center, a communications building for a new age, a visual and musical arts center and an athletic complex fit for national champions; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of Dr. R. Mark Sullivan's presidency, The College of Saint Rose has seen tripled applications and doubled first-year enrollment; the College is among the top 40 masters-level colleges

in the Northeast as ranked by U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT and has improved its ranking by over 30 spots in three years; and

WHEREAS, A strong advocate of community service, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan

has promoted and supported numerous partnerships and alliances with Albany and Capital Region organizations and institutions throughout his tenure at Saint Rose; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan have taken part in Reach Out Saint Rose, the College's community service day, and painted houses as part of the Habitat for Humanity project in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Their partnership was recognized formally in 2005, when both were named lifetime honorary alumni, and in 2010 with the naming of the new R. Mark and Kathleen Sullivan Soccer and Lacrosse Field at the Plumeri Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan are the proud parents of three children, Anna, Kate, and Jay, as well as the beloved grandparents of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of A Community of Excellence Award by The College of Saint Rose on June 22, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. R. Mark Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan.