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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. James L. Muyskens upon the occasion of the completion of his tenure as President of Queens College of the City University of New York, after many years of distinguished service on behalf of higher education

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. James L. Muyskens upon the occasion of the completion of his tenure as President of Queens College of the City University of New York, after many years of distinguished service on behalf of higher education effective December 31, 2013; he will be returning to teaching; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James L. Muyskens was appointed Queens College's ninth president in July of 2002; during his tenure, he added a number of new programs, including business administration, neuroscience, graphic design, Chinese, and bioinformatics; and

WHEREAS, Over the years at Queens College, Dr. James L. Muyskens guided the recruitment of hundreds of new faculty, oversaw the completion of the renovation of Powdermaker Hall (the college's primary classroom facility) as well as the addition to Remsen Hall that now houses new chemistry laboratories; and

WHEREAS, In the Fall of 2009, Dr. James L. Muyskens welcomed students to The Summit, the college's first-ever residence hall; he recently oversaw the college's ambitious new strategic planning initiative, which established goals for the college to achieve during the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James L. Muyskens' extensive administrative experience includes serving as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the 34-campus University System of Georgia; he also spent seven years as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, His appointment to Queens College marked his return to the City University of New York; he began his career at Hunter College as an assistant professor of philosophy and moved through the ranks to full professor; he also served Hunter as chair of its Department of Philosophy and as Associate Provost and Acting Provost; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Central College in Iowa, Dr. James L. Muyskens earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, His publications include two books, THE SUFFICIENCY OF HOPE and MORAL PROBLEMS IN NURSING: A PHILOSOPHICAL INVESTIGATION, as well as numerous articles concerning the philosophy of religion and ethics; and

WHEREAS, As President of Queens College, Dr. James L. Muyskens has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the College for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. James L. Muyskens upon the occasion of the completion of his tenure as President of Queens College of the City University of New York, after many years of distinguished service on behalf of higher education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. James L. Muyskens.