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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Schenectady County Community College for special honor by the Schenectady City School District Educational Foundation, Inc. in recognition of its distinguished service to the school

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed entities which have distinguished themselves in their community; and

WHEREAS, Schenectady County Community College (SCCC) will be recognized by the Schenectady City School District Educational Foundation, Inc. for its distinguished service to the school during its annual Education Celebration to be held at the Stockade Inn on January 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SCCC is being recognized for its Early College High School Partnership (Smart Scholars) program, which provides at-risk students with college readiness skills; and

WHEREAS, Smart Scholars is designed for students from low-income families who largely represent the first generation in their family to attend college; and

WHEREAS, Participating students may earn more than 20 tuition-free college credits; and

WHEREAS, The then-ninth-graders who were the first to participate in the Freshman Success Seminar, will be the program's first graduating class in June of 2014; and

WHEREAS, There are currently over 420 students at all four grade levels at Schenectady High School participating in this program; and

WHEREAS, Schenectady High School is most appreciative of the staff and faculty, and administration of SCCC, who strive to make every Smart Scholar student feel like a true college student; and

WHEREAS, Through the efforts of the SCCC staff, Smart Scholars has been recognized as an exemplary early college program and has been designated as a demonstration site for other interested districts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberation to commend Schenectady County Community College for special honor by the Schenectady City School District Educational Foundation, Inc. in recognition of its distinguished service to the school; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Schenectady County Community College.