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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Victor E. Salerno upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. John Fisher College, on September 24, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Victor E. Salerno upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, September 24, 2013, St. John Fisher College will dedicate its newest building, the Victor E. Salerno Center for American Enterprise, to honor the generosity and commitment to excellence exemplified by Victor E. Salerno; and

WHEREAS, Victor E. Salerno is the Chief Executive Officer of O'Connell Electric Company, Inc., one of the largest electrical and communications contractors in the United States; and

WHEREAS, A proud alumnus of St. John Fisher College, Victor Salerno graduated from this esteemed institution in 1966 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, Victor E. Salerno's passion and talent for business enterprise have led to a productive and successful career, first with a predecessor firm of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, and then, in 1971, to O'Connell Electric where he worked as Controller until becoming CEO in 2006; under his inspired leadership, the company's growth has been exponential; and

WHEREAS, Victor E. Salerno is renowned for his ability to foster trusting partnerships with customers and building strong relationships

with employees; his exemplary reputation as a man of honor and integrity is evidenced by his having been chosen as recipient of the 2012 Beta Gamma Sigma Business Achievement Award, which is presented to business leaders of accomplishment and demonstrated generosity, who model ethical leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Victor E. Salerno Center for American Enterprise is a tribute to the exceptional leadership, vision, and character of its benefactor; the building will create a hub for business education on the St. John Fisher College campus, where students will learn the best practices of the business world in a real-time and real-world environment; and

WHEREAS, Victor E. Salerno also serves his alma mater as Chairman of the Board of Trustees; he is past president of the College Alumni Board; and

WHEREAS, Victor E. Salerno has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Among, his many civic and professional activities, he is a Board member and past Chairman of the Board of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, serves on the Executive Board and is Treasurer of the Rochester Builders Exchange, is a member of the Board of Community Technology Assessment Board (CTAAB), and is currently a trustee of the Pension Fund and Insurance Fund of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 86; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 46 years, Eileen, and their two children, as well as their three grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Victor E. Salerno has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Victor E. Salerno upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. John Fisher College; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Victor E. Salerno.