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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Webb Institute to be celebrated on May 17, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the further sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those institutions of higher education which aim to improve the futures of our students by instilling in them the values of responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of Webb Institute to be celebrated on May 17, 2014, as part of this year's Homecoming Day events; and

WHEREAS, Homecoming Day will mark the culmination of an exciting year of regional events honoring both the founder, William H. Webb; and the history of Webb Institute; and

WHEREAS, Since 1889, Webb Institute has been committed to excellence in maritime education, fostering the next generation of our Nation's naval architects and marine engineers; and

WHEREAS, Webb Institute was founded on April 2, 1889, by William H. Webb, a preeminent shipbuilder, entrepreneur, and philanthropist of the 19th Century; and

WHEREAS, Webb Institute was originally located in Fordham Heights in the Bronx, New York; since 1947, the institute has been located on the grounds of the former Herbert L. Pratt estate, "The Braes," in Glen Cove, on Long Island Sound; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, Webb Institute has focused on a single four year course of study which, upon successful completion of the

required coursework and practical work experience in the marine industry, awards a double major in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Webb Institute continues to provide a world-class undergraduate engineering education, while remaining the only private institution in the country to provide full-tuition scholarships to all enrollees; and

WHEREAS, The Webb Institute Alumni Association is perennially amongst the very top schools in the country for the percentage of alumni contributions; and

WHEREAS, Webb Institute is the oldest school of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in the country; and

WHEREAS, Graduates of Webb Institute have consistently been in the forefront of the development of all ship types, including merchant vessels, naval surface combatants, aircraft carriers, auxiliaries, submarines, hydrofoils, surface effect ships, as well as many examples of workboats and pleasure craft of all types; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of President R. Keith Michel, the Webb Institute School has been an integral part of the history of its community, representing a dynamic, responsive and positive force within the educational system of New York State; and

WHEREAS, With great admiration, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this eminent institution which stands at the threshold of the future with its legacy of outstanding achievements and its impressive body of distinguished alumni; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Webb Institute on May 17, 2014, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be presented, suitably engrossed, to R. Keith Michel, President of Webb Institute.