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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John A. Martin, President of Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeast Seminary, upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service in the field of Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John A. Martin, President of Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeast Seminary, upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service in the field of Education; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1949, in Oak Park, Illinois, and raised in Wheaton, Illinois, President John A. Martin graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Wheaton College, a Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology in Old Testament, Hebrew, and Semitic Languages from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration from the University of North Texas; in addition, he is an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, President John A. Martin began his illustrious career at Roberts Wesleyan College as Provost in 1996, with a wealth of experience in teaching and academic administration; he later served as the Executive Vice President of both the College and the newly-formed Northeastern Seminary, responsible for all academic matters, student life issues, and financial accountability; and

WHEREAS, In October, 2002, he was inaugurated as the 10th President of Roberts Wesleyan College, and the 2nd President of Northeastern Seminary; and

WHEREAS, As a widely sought guest speaker and consultant, President John A. Martin has spoken at hundreds of schools, churches and conferences in the United States and around the world, including Canada, Ghana, Guatemala, India, the Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Switzerland and Israel; and

WHEREAS, Author and contributor to five books and numerous scholarly journal articles, President John A. Martin serves on the Board of Directors of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of the State of New York, and the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Theological Schools; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of the American Association of Higher Education, American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of Free Methodist Educational Institutions, and Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities; as well as a devoted member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Council of Independent Colleges, Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents, International Organization of Septuagint and Cognate Studies, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and Society of Biblical Literature; and

WHEREAS, For many years, President John A. Martin rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeast Seminary; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President of Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeast Seminary, John A. Martin served with loyalty, honor and

distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kathryn, and their four children, Christopher (April), Cameron (Christa), Colin, and Kyle;

as well as his three grandchildren Shiloh, Jack, and Lily, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, and commitment as that demonstrated by President John A. Martin over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John A. Martin, President of Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeast Seminary, upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service in the field of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President John A. Martin.