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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Sue Books upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Sue Books, Professor in the Secondary Education Department, upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, to be celebrated at SUNY New Paltz's first faculty meeting, and the first classified staff gathering in the fall of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Faculty and staff who receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence have served their students, fellow faculty and staff, campuses, and communities with the utmost distinction, and have demonstrated extraordinary dedication and service to SUNY New Paltz; Dr. Sue Books is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sue Books is known for creating a dialogic learning environment that invites students to become passionate learners; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious education career, Dr. Sue Books experiences in global settings have prompted her to look at her discipline and teaching through new, international lenses, and her approach has already influenced understandings of diversity among her faculty colleagues in the School of Education; and

WHEREAS, A course such as Education across Borders takes on new meaning as Dr. Sue Books has taught and studied in South Africa, Iceland,

Brazil, China, and Japan; she continues to seek opportunities to deepen her theoretical knowledge through educational work in several countries; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Sue Books exhibits an extraordinary commitment to her students; she is not a stilted academic, but genuinely interested in all of her students on personal levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sue Books also earns praise for her capacity to create rigorous learning environments; she maintains high standards with authentic assessments, and takes the time to offer genuine critique which goes much further than a simple letter grade; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of individuals such as Dr. Sue Books, who, by providing their skills and talents to our schools, work to support our proud tradition of public education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sue Books has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of SUNY New Paltz, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Sue Books upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Sue Books.