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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Karen Bell upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

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. Karen Bell, Associate Dean in the School of Education, upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, 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. Karen Bell is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Dr. Karen Bell was appointed Associate Dean of the School of Education; at that time, she worked closely with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education to guide Education faculty and staff through the lengthy and complex accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, Central to that effort was the Coordinating Council on Assessment, which Dr. Karen Bell established soon after her appointment and through which she led the effort to develop, and subsequently implement, the assessments related to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Dr. Karen Bell served as interim dean of SUNY New Paltz; among the programs that benefited from her leadership and support were those in the Department of Education Administration, which she has chaired since fall 2012; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Karen Bell was recruited as a regional leader of the SUNY Teacher Education Network, the group charged with planning and designing professional development geared specifically toward the needs of college and university faculty in four key areas of education reform: teacher performance assessment, data-driven instruction, Common Core standards, and clinically rich practices; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Karen Bell was responsible for communicating the SUNY Teacher Education Network progress at the campus level, through her concurrent management of the local Campus Teacher Education Network; and

WHEREAS, Through her work on these committees, Dr. Karen Bell's impact on faculty professional development has been positive and far reaching; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Bell 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 her impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Karen Bell upon the occasion of her designation as the recipi-

ent of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Karen Bell.