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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Kastner 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 traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary Kastner, Director of Design, Print, and Mail Services in the Office of Communication and Marketing, 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; Mary Kastner is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, As Director of Design, Print, and Mail Services in the Office of Communication and Marketing at SUNY New Paltz, Mary Kastner consistently exceeds the expectations of her position, demonstrating efficient and highly productive leadership and exceptional dedication to her work, her staff, and the institution as a whole; her colleagues have aptly described her as a team player with an institutional view; and

WHEREAS, Despite constant deadlines and an endless stream of requests from offices in need of publications, marketing collateral, banners, signage and other materials, Mary Kastner approaches her work with a

calm demeanor and endless patience; she brings strong design skills and technical expertise to her position, and her organizational skills, attention to detail, and ability to plan and manage projects and budgets are unmatched; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mary Kastner has frequently been invited to serve on task forces, chair search committees, or represent professional staff in campus-governance efforts; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Mary Kastner's vision of a unified image for SUNY New Paltz, and a consistent look to printed materials and public communications led to the formation of the Institutional Image Group, which she chaired for 10 years, and through which SUNY New Paltz embarked on the development of its first identity system; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kastner continues to play a key role in support of SUNY New Paltz's integrated marketing and communication efforts, and she has worked project by project, client by client, to educate the campus in these industry best practices; and

WHEREAS, As a SUNY New Paltz alumna, Mary Kastner clearly understands the needs of students and strives to prepare them to be productive members of their professions and communities; for more than 30 years, she has consistently demonstrated her unfailing commitment to her alma mater; and

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

WHEREAS, Mary Kastner 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 Mary Kastner upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient

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 Mary Kastner.