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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Arthur O. Eve upon the occasion of the naming of the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center in his honor

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to higher education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of those champions of education who encourage and inspire students, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of a good education and teaching them essential skills that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant achievements in the distinguished lives of exceptional leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend the Honorable Arthur O. Eve upon the occasion of the naming of the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center in his honor by the SUNY Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, A founding member of the New York State Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus, Arthur O. Eve was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1966, following several years of service as an independent ward leader in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, During his first term as an Assemblyman, Arthur O. Eve led the effort to obtain an initial \$500,000 of funding to establish the State University of New York system's SEEK/Educational Opportunity Program; and

WHEREAS, Since the 1970s, colleges in New York State have administered the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program, the primary

objective of which is to help provide a broad range of services to New York State residents who, because of academic and economic circumstances, would otherwise be unable to attend a postsecondary educational institution; and

WHEREAS, A few months after retiring from political office, Arthur O. Eve established a foundation the mission of which is to fight for the money allocated for the tutoring of students from underperforming schools, which was being directed to other purposes; by 2004, New York State approved his foundation to provide afterschool tutoring; and

WHEREAS, Four years later, the Brighter Choice Charter School for Boys in Albany, New York, dedicated its new conference hall in honor of Arthur O. Eve; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Arthur O. Eve has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With just cause and true purpose, this Legislative Body is pleased to recognize the significant contributions Arthur O. Eve has made to excellence in education in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable Arthur O. Eve upon the occasion of the naming of the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center in his honor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Arthur O. Eve.