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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute upon the occasion of being named as one of the "Top 25 Undergraduate and Graduate Schools to Study Video Game Design" by THE PRINCETON REVIEW

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those exemplary institutions of higher education within the State of New York for their enduring commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute upon the occasion of being named as one of the "Top 25 Undergraduate and Graduate Schools to Study Video Game Design" by THE PRINCETON REVIEW; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, located in Troy, New York, was ranked number 18 on THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S "Top 25 Undergraduate Schools to Study Video Game Design" for 2016; and

WHEREAS, With more than 700 colleges and universities across the United States offering courses or degrees in computer and video game design, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has proven to be a truly vital institution in making this prestigious list; and

WHEREAS, The students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute are studying various aspects of game design such as computer software engineering, graphic design, data analytics, artificial intelligence programming, and digital animation, skills that form the core of America's 21st century creative economy; and

WHEREAS, The Entertainment Software Association (ESA) is the United States trade association dedicated to serving the business and public affairs needs of the 23.1 billion dollar United States video game industry; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the United States boasts more than 2,800 video game companies in more than 3,000 locations throughout the country, in every single state, and 85 percent of Congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, ESA works diligently to promote the growth of video game degree programs, at schools such as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, across America; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute upon the occasion of being named as one of the "Top 25 Undergraduate and Graduate Schools to Study Video Game Design" by THE PRINCETON REVIEW; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.