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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Clinton Community College in Plattsburgh, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Clinton Community College, in Plattsburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, the educators and staff of Clinton Community College have strived to provide educational opportunities which enrich minds, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life in their region; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors appointed a committee of educators, farmers, theologians and professionals to evaluate the concept of establishing a Clinton County Community College; and

WHEREAS, After initial disapproval by the State University of New York Trustees, the efforts to form a local community college resumed in the mid-1960s; in June of 1966, a charter to establish Clinton Community College was obtained from the New York Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1966, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors named five people to the Board of Trustees for the proposed college: Irving Rabin, Richard J. Smith, William Forrence, William Hogan and William Burgess; and

WHEREAS, On October 14, 1966, then Governor Nelson Rockefeller added four additional members to the Board of Trustees: Walter Church, Frederick Culley, Patrick Roche and Mark Rabin; on that same day, the Governor officially approved the establishment of Clinton Community College; and

WHEREAS, After Bellarmine College announced its intention to sell the Bluff Point Property which included the former Hotel Champlain, the Clinton County Legislature decided to lease the land for the Clinton Community College; the hotel property was eventually bought for \$1,045,000 and the College was dedicated on October 15, 1972; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 1966, 189 enrollees began their higher education at Clinton Community College; in June of 1971, 38 students were awarded their associate degrees; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, a two-year nursing program was established at Clinton Community College; of the 32 original enrollees, 23 nursing students received their degrees in 1979; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, Clinton Community College, which is located on Bluff Point overlooking beautiful Lake Champlain and the breathtaking Green Mountains of Vermont, continues to provide an excellent education to its students who are enrolled in a wide array of certificate and associate degree programs; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the visionary guidance of Interim President Frederick G. Smith, Clinton Community College stands proud and prominent, always looking to the future and the needs of those it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Clinton Community College, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment and the significance of its accomplishments in preparing the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frederick G. Smith, Interim President, Clinton Community College.