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Assembly Resolution No. 538

BY: M. of A. Finch

COMMENDING John A. Karpinski, Esq. upon the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees, and his designation as a Trustee Emeritus after 30 years of dedicated service on behalf of higher education

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 this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John A. Karpinski, Esq. upon the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees, and his designation as a Trustee Emeritus after 30 years of dedicated service on behalf of higher education; and

WHEREAS, John A. Karpinski earned his bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1965; he furthered his education by obtaining his Juris Doctor from Boston University in 1968; he is a member of both the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, After college, John A. Karpinski served as a VISTA volunteer in Detroit, Michigan, and held the position of counsel to New York State Assemblyman L. S. Riford, Jr.; in 1970, he and his father and brother-in-law founded KS&T Karpinski, Stapleton & Tehan, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his many years of private practice, John A. Karpinski specialized in elder law, estate planning and administration, real estate, and small business counseling; he has been actively involved in several law-related organizations including the Midstate Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors, the Owasco Abstract Corporation Board of Directors, the OnBancorp Cayuga Region Advisory Board, and the Cayuga County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as an attorney, John A. Karpinski was appointed to the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees by the Cayuga County Legislature in 1986, 1994, 2003, and 2012; on June 30, 2016, he officially resigned from this title; recently, he was named a Trustee Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, John A. Karpinski held numerous leadership positions including Secretary from 1987-1989, and Vice Chair from 1989-1991; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Board, John A. Karpinski chaired numerous committees including the Personnel Committee from 1989-1991, the Planning Committee from 2000-2002, and the Buildings and Ground Committee from 2011-2013; he also served as the Vice Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee from 2009-2011; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, from 1995-1996, John A. Karpinski was a participant of the Presidential Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, John A. Karpinski was the recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Boards of Trustees of SUNY Community Colleges, now known as the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT); and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as Trustee, John A. Karpinski was a vital member of the Chamber of Commerce of Auburn and Cayuga County and the Cayuga County Environmental Council; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Nancy, and their four children, Elizabeth, Amy, Peter and Sarah, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, As a vital member of the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees, John A. Karpinski has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the College for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John A. Karpinski, Esq. upon the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees, and his designation as a Trustee Emeritus after 30 years of dedicated service on behalf of higher education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John A. Karpinski, Esq.