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Senate Resolution No. 5362

BY: Senator YOUNG

HONORING Dr. Thomas Matthews for 51 years of dedicated service to SUNY Geneseo

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated in the distinguished careers of the men and women of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Thomas Matthews for 51 years of dedicated service to SUNY Geneseo; he will officially retire in June of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Matthews was born on January 9, 1943, in Massena, New York, to parents, Ira and Irene Matthews; he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in education from SUNY Plattsburgh; his Master of Science degree in student personnel at SUNY Albany; and a PhD in student personnel in higher education at the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Matthews joined SUNY Geneseo in 1967 as a Director of Student Activities; he served as Chair of the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA); Statewide Vice President and Treasurer of United University Professions (UUP) and UUP Chief Negotiator; Director and Founder of Geneseo Opportunities for Leadership

Development (GOLD) since 2000, which allows students to earn various levels of certificates based on their involvement in leadership training and personal development; Associate Dean of Leadership and Service; and Founder of Livingston CARES in 2005; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Betsy, and their two sons, Jeff and David, as well as their three grandchildren, Josh, Rachael, and Sydney, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Matthews' favorite pastimes include gardening, traveling, and attending his grandchildren's soccer and hockey games; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Matthews has received numerous life achievements and awards during his remarkable career which has traversed more than five decades; these include: First Administrator at Geneseo to receive the SUNY Chancellor's Award (1978); NYSUT Higher Education Person of the Year Award (2009); United University Professions Nina Mitchell Award for Distinguished Service; SUNY Outstanding Student Affairs Program for Leadership Development Award; National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) - MAT Thomas Matthews Scholarship for Student Leaders and the Katrina Compassion Award for Hurricane Relief Efforts (2015); and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor the lives of beloved men and women who have made significant contributions to the citizens and communities in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Thomas Matthews for 51 years of dedicated service to SUNY Geneseo; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Thomas Matthews.