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Senate Resolution No. 5858

BY: Senator STAVISKY

COMMENDING Dr. Diane B. Call upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 40 years of dedicated service to Queensborough Community College in Bayside, New York

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, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and success of Queensborough Community College is due in large part to the efforts of Dr. Diane B. Call; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Diane B. Call upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 40 years of dedicated service to Queensborough Community College in Bayside, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diane B. Call holds a Doctor of Education degree in College and University Administration, a Master's degree in Community College Administration and a second Master's degree in Student Personnel Administration, all earned from Teachers College, Columbia University;

she furthered her education by obtaining a Certificate in Curriculum Development from Harvard University, School of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diane B. Call was appointed President of Queensborough Community College in January of 2013; her remarkable career has spanned four decades at both Queensborough and The City University of New York (CUNY), holding positions that have encompassed virtually all major areas of administration and academics at Queensborough; and

WHEREAS, As Provost, Dr. Diane B. Call led the Academic Affairs Division to create a student-centered learning environment in collaboration with the faculty and Student Affairs colleagues through curriculum and pedagogical innovations, academic enrichment activities such as undergraduate research, as well as instructional support and student service programs; and

WHEREAS, Among her many outstanding achievements are programs for the recruitment and retention of faculty and a faculty development program for their engagement in a variety of teaching modalities, high impact activities, e-learning, academic leadership and pedagogical research in community college teaching; her partnership with Student Affairs led to the implementation of the Freshman Academies for all full-time, first-time freshmen, and the establishment of an assessment protocol to measure the success of the initiative on student learning outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diane B. Call also served as an Adjunct Professor at Long Island University, C.W. Post, Graduate School of Education; an Adjunct Associate Professor at Queensborough Community College,

Department of English; and Full Professor in Student Personnel Services; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Dr. Diane B. Call instituted the Instructional Support Services Center and Learning Lab and has led Admissions Services, Skills Assessment Testing, Academic Advisement, the Freshman-Year Program, College Discovery and CSTEP; she also consolidated Tutorial Services and the Writing Center, substantially increasing the number of students served; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these substantial roles, Dr. Diane B. Call has served as a member of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee of the College of Aeronautics (now Vaughn College); a Consultant to the United States Department of Education, Higher Education Programs' Division of Institutional Development; and Consultant to the New York City Public Schools on Health Occupation Vocational Programs; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, she was a member of the CUNY Welfare Advocate Council and was a Project Participant for Change and the New Jersey Community College: the Faculty Perspective, The Center for Community Colleges, Teachers College, Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, A caring, competent and committed leader, Dr. Diane B. Call's character and integrity are the hallmarks of her life and work as an educational leader, a community volunteer and as a person; and

WHEREAS, The Queens community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a dedicated and respected educational leader; her wisdom and contributions to Queensborough Community College have truly made a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with her; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Dr. Diane B. Call has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for

the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing her service as President, Dr. Diane B. Call leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves behind a legacy to the students of Queensborough Community College and to the residents of the Queens community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Diane B. Call upon the occasion of her retirement, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Diane B. Call.