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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Vice Chancellor Milton L. Cofield for 10 years of distinguished service as Regent to Judicial District VII

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Vice Chancellor Milton L. Cofield for 10 years of distinguished service as Regent to Judicial District VII, to be celebrated on Saturday, February 18, 2012, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently serving in his last term before stepping down, Milton Cofield was originally elected to a five-year term as the Regent for the Seventh Judicial District on April 1, 2002 and reelected to a second five-year term through March 31, 2012; he was elected Vice Chancellor by his colleagues effective April 1, 2009 and reelected to a three-year term effective April 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Cofield was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and educated in the public school system there; he graduated from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, magna cum laude, in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Milton Cofield attended graduate school at the University of Illinois and received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry in 1979; he moved to Rochester, New York and began his career as a physical scientist in the research laboratories of the Eastman Kodak Company in 1979; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Milton Cofield was awarded the M.B.A. degree in Finance from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School; in 1991, he was appointed assistant to the President of SUNY College at Brockport, New York, and also served as Executive Director of the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Vice Chancellor Cofield was named the James E. McGhee Distinguished Professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology; in 2000, he was appointed Fulbright Senior Scholar in the Graduate Institute of Technology and Innovation Management at National Chengchi

University in Taipei, Taiwan, and also a Fulbright American Studies Professor at De LaSalle University at Manila, Philippines; and WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Cofield's professional interests include management of technology and innovation, higher education administration, and international management and education; Vice Chancellor Cofield is currently Executive Director for Undergraduate Business Administration in the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Milton Cofield's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Vice Chancellor Milton L. Cofield for 10 years of distinguished service as Regent to Judicial District VII; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Milton L. Cofield.