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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George Tvelia upon the occasion of his retirement after 43 years of distinguished service to Suffolk County Community College

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor George Tvelia upon the occasion of his retirement after 43 years of distinguished service to Suffolk County Community College, to be celebrated on Friday, February 1, 2013, at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 43 years, George Tvelia rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Suffolk County Community College; and

WHEREAS, A proud alumnus of Suffolk County Community College, George Tvelia was hired by the College on September 1, 1969, as a Technical Assistant in Biology; and

WHEREAS, During the span of his 43-year career with the College, George Tvelia has held the positions of Senior Technical Assistant, Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Assistant Dean, Associate Dean, Interim Executive Dean, and Associate Dean for Faculty and Professional Advancement; and

WHEREAS, In addition, George Tvelia has served on numerous governance committees, as well as campus and college-wide committees; he been a student, a member of the faculty, an administrator and a union representative, serving as an officer for the Faculty Association and Guild of Administrative Officers for many years; and

WHEREAS, Recently, George Tvelia organized SCCC's All College Day and Professional Development Day; and

WHEREAS, Initiatives that will be part of George Tvelia's legacy with the Suffolk County Community College include his efforts to initiate and develop the College's Leadership Academy, the Excelsior Program, and the

college-wide Professional Development Program; and  
WHEREAS, Moreover, George Tvelia modernized the Office of Adjunct Services by upgrading manual operations with new electronic services; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Associate Dean for Faculty and Professional Advancement, George Tvelia served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, George Tvelia's outstanding efforts have been recognized through the years; he has been selected as the recipient of numerous leadership awards from the College, SUNY, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and The Chair Academy; and

WHEREAS, In addition, George Tvelia was chosen as one of only two recipients from New York State for the 2012 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award, presented by the League for Innovation; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, George Tvelia was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Suffolk County Community College, George Tvelia earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor George Tvelia upon the occasion of his retirement after 43 years of distinguished service to Suffolk County Community College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George Tvelia.