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Assembly Resolution No. 859

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HONORING Dr. Victor G. Alicea, Founder, President,
and devoted advocate for higher education, upon the
occasion of Boricua College's 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled;
its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its
educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge
the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those
outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have
been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the
young people of this noble 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. Victor G. Alicea, Founder, President, and devoted advocate for
higher education, upon the occasion of Boricua College's 50th
Anniversary

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor G. Alicea, Founder and President of Boricua
College for five decades, has been a driving force in ensuring access to
quality education for underserved multicultural populations of New York
City since the college's inception in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Boricua College is a private, not-for-profit liberal arts institution designed to meet the educational needs of Puerto Ricans, Latino-Hispanic, and other students underrepresented in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Located in New York City with its main campus in the historic Audubon Terrace of Manhattan's Upper West Side, another campus in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, and a new campus in the Southeast Bronx, Boricua College typically enrolls over 1,200 full-time students in programs leading to Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, under the able leadership of Dr. Victor G. Alicea, Boricua College employs one of the largest concentrations of Latino, bilingual professionals in New York City, including 60 full-time faculty, and over 120 administrative and academic support staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor G. Alicea's recent inclusion in City & State's 2023 Higher Education Power 100 list is a testament to his unwavering commitment to serving his community and advancing education; and

WHEREAS, As the longest-serving president of a private college in New York State, Dr. Victor G. Alicea's legacy is one of transformative leadership and a tireless pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man's contributions extend beyond Boricua College; in his role as Chair of numerous evaluation committees for the

Middle States Commission on Higher Education, he has been able to provide valuable guidance to many Colleges along the Eastern seaboard including Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor G. Alicea has also served on the Board of Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, New York State Council of Independent Colleges and Universities, and Chair of New York State Higher Education Services Corporation among others, which speaks volumes about his intellectual leadership and dedication to advancing higher education and public service; and

WHEREAS, His visionary leadership has been instrumental in shaping Boricua College's growth and development, fostering an inclusive and affordable learning environment that benefits Puerto Ricans, Latinos, and other marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to higher education in New York State, Dr. Victor G. Alicea has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Boricua College; his legacy, intellect and leadership will continue to touch the lives of his countless students, colleagues and all those who aspire to such extraordinary success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Victor G. Alicea, Founder, President, and devoted advocate for higher education, upon the occasion of Boricua College's 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Victor G. Alicea, Founder and President, Boricua College.