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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arnold B. Gardner for his many years of dedicated service as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Regents of the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and publicly acknowledge individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession, in service to their community, and in their commitment to excellence in the education of the youth of the 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 Arnold B. Gardner upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Regents of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Regent Gardner was born in New York City, where he attended public elementary and high school; he proudly served his country for two years in the United States Army; and he is a graduate of the University of Buffalo and Harvard Law School, where he earned his LL.B. degree; and

WHEREAS, Regent Gardner served as a member and then President of the Buffalo Board of Education; he also served as Chairman of the New York State Education Department Task Force on Teacher Education and Certification which originated the Teaching as a Profession project in New York State; and

WHEREAS, For 19 years, Regent Gardner served as a Trustee of the State University of New York, including five years as Vice Chairman of the Board; in March 1999, he was elected as a Member-at-Large to the Board of Regents of the State of New York and was re-elected in April 2004; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his career in education, Regent Gardner is a member of the New York State and Erie County Bar Associations and practiced law with distinction in Buffalo, specializing in matters of business and finance; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Regent Gardner has also been actively engaged in various organizations, having served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion,

National Vice President of the National Council of the American Jewish Committee, Trustee of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust, and as a member of the New York State Holocaust Memorial Commission; and WHEREAS, Among the numerous honors which have been presented to him are awards and citations from the New York State NAACP, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the University of Buffalo School of Law, which honored him as Lawyer of the Year; and WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sue S. Gardner, and their two children and three grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and WHEREAS, Regent Gardner has served the people of New York State with true dedication and commitment; as he completes his distinguished service as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Regents of the State of New York, he leaves a legacy of accomplishment and of commitment to a sound basic education for all New Yorkers; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to recognize the contributions of Regent Gardner to education in New York, helping to establish standards other states seek to emulate; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Arnold B. Gardner upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Regents of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arnold B. Gardner.