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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Eric W. Kaler upon the occasion of assuming the Presidency of the University of Minnesota on July 1, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and publicly acknowledge those exemplary leaders in the field of education whose purposeful lives and distinguished careers have been committed to excellence in the education of the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Eric W. Kaler upon the occasion of assuming the Presidency of the University of Minnesota on July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Eric W. Kaler earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering (with honors) from the California Institute of Technology in 1978, and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1982; and

WHEREAS, He joined the faculty of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Washington in 1982, and moved to the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Delaware as an Associate Professor in 1989; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Dr. Eric W. Kaler became a Professor, and in 1996, he was promoted to Department Chairman; two years later, he was appointed the Elizabeth Inez Kelley Professor of Chemical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Dr. Eric W. Kaler was chosen Dean of the College of Engineering, and in 2007, he became the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Stony Brook University; and

WHEREAS, The following year, in 2008, Dr. Eric W. Kaler assumed the duties of Vice President for Brookhaven Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eric W. Kaler was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Graz in 1995; his research interests are in the area of surfactant and colloid science, statistical mechanics, and thermodynamics; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Dr. Eric W. Kaler received one of the first Presidential Young Investigator Awards from the National Science Foundation in 1984, and the American Chemical Society (ACS) Award in Colloid or Surface Chemistry in 1998; and

WHEREAS, He is a Fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the ACS, and has authored or co-authored over 200 peer-reviewed papers, and holds 10 U.S. patents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eric W. Kaler has been a consultant to numerous companies, and has served in a variety of positions in several professional societies, including the leadership ladder in the ACS Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry, of which he was chair in 2006; and

WHEREAS, He was also the co-chair of both the 1997 and 2007 Colloid Symposia, held at the University of Delaware; in 2010, he was elected to the United States National Academy of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Continually demonstrating extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and inspirational leadership, the extraordinary career and accomplishments of Dr. Eric W. Kaler presents a model of educational leadership and achievement which merits the admiration and appreciation of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, With just cause and true purpose, this Legislative Body is pleased to recognize the significant contributions of Dr. Eric W. Kaler to the field of education; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and

sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Eric W. Kaler upon the occasion of assuming the esteemed position as President of the University of Minnesota; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Eric W. Kaler.