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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his inauguration as the 19th President of Keuka College

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, It is also the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his inauguration as the 19th President of Keuka College, to be celebrated on Friday, May 4, 2012 at Norton Chapel, Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera completed his undergraduate education in Venezuela and holds a master's degree and doctorate in computing studies from Lancaster University in the United Kingdom; he also earned a graduate certificate from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera, Ph.D. became the 19th president of Keuka College on July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, He came to Keuka from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where he served as Dean of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences and professor; and

WHEREAS, Formerly, Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera was professor and department head of computer science and Yamacraw project director at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia, and member of the execu-

tive committee in the Georgia Tech-led Yamacraw project; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera was a senior member of the technical staff at Carnegie Mellon's Software Engineering Institute, taught in the Master of Software Engineering program, and conducted research in product line engineering; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera served as chair of the software engineering department at Monmouth University and on the computer science faculties at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and SUNY Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera also taught at the Universidad Centro-Occidental and was senior software engineer and department head at Empresa Regional de Computacion, both in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, He has consulted for a number of firms and government agencies including the New York Stock Exchange (SIAC), MITRE Corp., Institute for Defense Analysis, General Electric, Singer-Link, TRW, EG&G, and IBM, among others; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera has also provided professional expertise to international organizations including the European Software Institute, Australian Defense Science and Technology Office, Kyoto Computing Gaikum, Kuwait University, Cairo University, and Malaysia University of Technology; and

WHEREAS, The author of more than 90 publications, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera is in his third, three-year term of the IEEE Computer Society Distinguished Visitor Program; and

WHEREAS, He was a leading writer of the Software Engineering Professional Examination, and co-editor of the Software Engineering volume of the IEEE-CS/ACM Computing Curricula project; he is also an active member of the Deans group of the Computer Research Association in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera serves on numerous boards, including the New York State Universal Broadband Council Digital Literacy Committee, the Strong National Museum of Play Board of Trustees, and Gallaudet University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, He was co-chair of the Rochester Mayor's Office IT Steering Committee and a member of the Puerto Rican Youth Development Center Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera also served three years in

the National Science Foundation CISE Advisory Committee, and three years in Carnegie Mellon's SEI Technical Advisory Group in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Professor Jorge L.

Diaz-Herrera, Ph.D. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his inauguration as the 19th President of Keuka College, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Professor Jorge L. Diaz-Herrera, Ph.D.