

## 2015-J1735

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael J. Malbin, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rockefeller College Distinguished Service Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

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, Michael J. Malbin, Ph.D. has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael J. Malbin, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rockefeller College Distinguished Service Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, to be celebrated at its 2015 Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy honors individuals such as Professor Michael J. Malbin, for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership, and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Michael J. Malbin earned his Ph.D. from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; for 17 years, he was employed as a reporter in Washington, D.C.; his early publications focused on congressional reform, party reform and congressional staffing; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990, Michael J. Malbin has held the position of Professor of Political Science at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany; his teaching has emphasized legislative politics and elections; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, Professor Michael J. Malbin has been the Director of SUNY at Albany's Semester in Washington Program for advanced undergraduate students; this program is an integral part of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy's Department of Political Science, bringing its Albany-based students to Washington, D.C. for a semester to live and work in the Nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, Interested in the role that money plays in politics, Professor Michael J. Malbin became the Director of The Campaign Finance Institute in Washington, D.C. in 1999; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who 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 honor Michael J. Malbin, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rockefeller College Distinguished Service Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Malbin, Ph.D.