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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Vice Chancellor Anthony S. Bottar for his 20 years of distinguished service to the New York State Board of Regents

WHEREAS, It is the practice of the State of New York to recognize those skilled and dedicated individuals within our midst whose notable professional and personal accomplishments merit the recognition of their local communities and 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 honor Vice Chancellor Anthony S. Bottar for his 20 years of distinguished service to the New York State Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Bottar, who represents the Fifth Judicial District (Onondaga County), was first elected to a five-year term on the New York State Board of Regents, effective April 1, 1996; he was re-elected to three additional five-year terms, effective April 1, 2001, April 1, 2006 and April 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Vice Chancellor Bottar was elected by his colleagues to the position of Vice Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Board of Regents is comprised of 17 members who are elected by the State Legislature, and each Regent serves a five-year term without a salary; and

WHEREAS, In this position, Vice Chancellor Bottar has been responsible for making recommendations and setting educational policy in the State of New York, from pre-kindergarten through higher education, and for overseeing the state's 48 licensed professions; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Bottar has also served as the Board of Regents Chair of the College and Career Preparation Work Group, the

Chair of the P-12 Education Committee, and as a member of the Higher Education Committee and the Professional Practice Committee; and WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Bottar graduated from North Syracuse Central High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rochester, and a Juris Doctor from the Faculty of Law and Jurisprudence of the State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Anthony Bottar also taught social studies in the Rochester, New York, area and lectured at the State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Vice Chancellor Bottar has been very involved with education organizations in his Upstate community; he was Trustee of the North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education from 1988 to 1996, where he served as President of the Board from 1989 to 1996, and he served as a member of the Onondaga-Madison School Boards Association from 1994 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Along with these endeavors, Vice Chancellor Bottar is also a practicing senior partner and co-founder of the Bottar Leone law firm in Syracuse, where he brings nearly 40 years of experience to the pursuit of cases involving birth injuries, brain injuries, surgical errors, workplace injury, and much more; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Bottar and his wife reside in North Syracuse; they are the proud parents of one son, and the loving grandparents of one grandson; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Vice Chancellor Anthony S. Bottar for his 20 years of distinguished service to the New York State Board of Regents; and be it

further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be presented to Vice Chancellor Anthony S. Bottar.