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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Merryl H. Tisch for her many 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 Dr. Merryl H. Tisch for her many years of distinguished service to the New York State Board of Regents; she will officially step down from this esteemed position and leave the Board of Regents in March of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Born Merryl Hiat to Rabbi Philip Hiat, she received a bachelor of arts degree from Barnard College, and a master's degree from New York University, as well as an education degree from Teachers College, Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Merryl H. Tisch taught first graders at the Ramaz School in the Upper East Side of New York, New York, and at the B'nai Jeshurun School from 1977 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Merryl H. Tisch was appointed to the New York State Board of Regents on April 1, 1996 and re-elected to five-year terms on April 1, 2001, April 1, 2006 and April 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, She was elected Vice Chancellor by her colleagues effective April 1, 2007, was elected Chancellor by her colleagues effective April 1, 2009 and re-elected to a three year term effective April 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, As Chancellor, Dr. Merryl H. Tisch brought to her appointment many years of experience in the fields of education, community service, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work in education, Dr. Merryl H. Tisch has

served in various civic service positions, including at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, the UJA-Federation of New York, the Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Citizens Budget Commission; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Merryl H. Tisch is the Chairperson of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, and is a member of both the Board of Dalton on the Upper East Side and Barnard College; and  
WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, James S. Tisch, and their three children, Jessica Sarah, Benjamin Jacob, and Samuel Aaron, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Dr. Merryl H. Tisch for her many years of distinguished service to the New York State Board of Regents, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Merryl H. Tisch.