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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Kristine M. Young upon the occasion of her inauguration as the eighth President of the State University of New York Orange County Community 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 commend Dr. Kristine M. Young upon the occasion of her inauguration as the eighth President of the State University of New York Orange County Community College; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Friday, April 29, 2016, at Orange County Community College, Diana Physical Education Center, Middletown Campus; and

WHEREAS, Prior to beginning her Presidency at the State University of New York Orange County Community College (SUNY Orange) on June 8, 2015, Dr. Kristine M. Young had been serving as Vice President for Academic Services at Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Dr. Kristine M. Young earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1996; two years later, she earned her Master

of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Through the Community College Executive Leadership Program, Dr. Kristine M. Young completed her Doctorate in Education from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2007; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Dr. Kristine M. Young began as a full-time Chemistry Instructor at Parkland College and steadily progressed through the faculty ranks; she accepted her first formal leadership role in 2001, when she was elected Assistant to the Department Chair in the Natural Sciences Department while continuing to teach; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Dr. Kristine M. Young was elected as Chair of the Natural Sciences Department; three years later, she was named Interim Vice President for Academic Services before being named to the post permanently in February of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kristine M. Young provided leadership for 180 full-time faculty members, more than 400 part-time faculty, and 65 staff and administrators in academic services in support of more than 160 degree and certificate programs, and several academic support units; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kristine M. Young served as Chair of the College's Diversifying Faculty Task Force, co-created the Parkland Pathway to Illinois, a multi-faceted dual admissions and dual enrollment program with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and established the Developmental Education Council, an advisory group which supports and coordinates the implementation of innovative academic and student support improvements throughout the developmental education program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Kristine M. Young was instrumental in developing a comprehensive First Year Experience program for new students, as well as leading the reorganization of the College's academic services

and the creation of an Early College and Career Academy which established dual credit career-technical education programming with local high schools; and

WHEREAS, Over her final eight years, Dr. Kristine M. Young led Parkland College's creation of two college-wide strategic plans, along with the development of multiple strategic plans for career and technical areas at the college; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her profession, Dr. Kristine M. Young is a past President of the Illinois Community College Chief Academic Officers Organization and served as the Vice President of the Board of the National Council of Instructional Administrators, an American Association of Community Colleges affiliate council; she served on the AACC Commission for Workforce and Economic Development and was active at the state level in Illinois, especially on issues of articulation, work-

force, career and technical education, and higher education policy; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Kristine M. Young has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Kristine M. Young upon the occasion of her inauguration as the eighth President of the State University of New York Orange County Community College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Kristine M. Young.