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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Karen L. Gould upon the occasion of her retirement after seven years of distinguished service to Brooklyn College on June 16, 2016

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York 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. Karen L. Gould upon the occasion of her retirement after seven years of distinguished service to Brooklyn College, to be feted with a Retirement Celebration and Cocktail Party held in her honor on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Liberty Warehouse, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in San Francisco, California, in 1948, Karen L. Gould spent her junior year of high school as an exchange student in Southern France, the foundation of her interest in French culture and literature; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Karen L. Gould received her diploma from the Sorbonne in Paris, France; one year later, she earned her Bachelor's degree cum laude in French from Occidental College; she then furthered her education by obtaining her Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Oregon in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen L. Gould began her teaching career at Bucknell University in 1973; she also held tenured faculty appointments at Virgi-

nia Polytechnic University from 1980-1985, and Bowling Green State University from 1985-1996; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Dr. Karen L. Gould served as Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University from 1996-2001, Dean of the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Cincinnati from 2001-2007, and Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University, Long Beach, from 2007-2009; and WHEREAS, In June of 2009, Dr. Karen L. Gould was named the ninth President of Brooklyn College, a campus of the City University of New York, a position from which she will officially retire in June of 2016; she is the first woman to hold this distinguished post; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Karen L. Gould's luminous leadership, Brooklyn College has significantly increased student retention and graduation rates, accelerated fundraising goals, expanded international education and global partnerships, increased internship opportunities for students, advanced business and community partnerships, raised significant funds to launch the Barry R. Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema at Steiner Studios in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, completed construction of a new athletic field, launched construction of the new Leonard and Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts, and purchased an adjacent lot for future academic program development, as well as received significant state support towards the construction of a new Roosevelt Science Teaching Commons facility; and

WHEREAS, An internationally known scholar in the field of French-Canadian literature, Dr. Karen L. Gould is the author or co-editor of six books and more than 50 articles and essays on contemporary Quebec literature, francophone women writers, and the modern French novel; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Karen L. Gould has received numerous grants, fellowships and awards, including a Fulbright Senior Fellowship and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, American Association of University Women, and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to both her community and profession, Dr. Karen L. Gould is a vital member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and served two terms on the CUNY Research Foundation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen L. Gould is also a participant of numerous organizations committed to furthering academic, local and global initiatives in higher education, international affairs and women's leadership; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to education, Dr. Karen L. Gould received commendation from the United Way for her philanthropic activities and was honored by her alma mater, Occidental College, as a distinguished alumna in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Dr. Karen L. Gould have provided a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen L. Gould's dedication to her students, faculty and staff at Brooklyn College has been her hallmark for seven years; under her luminous leadership, the college has increased programs and services, significantly expanding access to high education opportunities for Kings County residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen L. Gould's quest for excellence is well known; she attributes much of her success to the dedicated ethical team of educators, supportive friends, caring and involved parents, and wonderful, enthusiastic students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen L. Gould has clearly had an enduring impact on the students of Brooklyn College, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of institutions of higher education by providing their skills and talents to our colleges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Karen L. Gould upon the occasion of her retirement after seven years of distinguished service to Brooklyn College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

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mitted to Dr. Karen L. Gould.