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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending A. Nicholas Buttino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to Adirondack Community College/SUNY Adirondack

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, A. Nicholas Buttino 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 commend A. Nicholas Buttino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to Adirondack Community College/SUNY Adirondack; and

WHEREAS, During his half decade of service, A. Nicholas Buttino was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching for consistently superior professional achievement and the ongoing pursuit of excellence; a SUNY community role model, he was also twice awarded the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching; and

WHEREAS, For the last six years, A. Nicholas Buttino has served as Chair of the Business Division; in this capacity he has developed academic programming, supported student initiatives and built connections with area businesses and alumni; and

WHEREAS, A. Nicholas Buttino has great passion for his work in the classroom and is known to share his expertise and experience in teaching with his colleagues, and frequently, mentors new members of the adjunct faculty staff; and

WHEREAS, Under A. Nicholas Buttino's leadership, SUNY Adirondack's International Education program has been a strong proponent and facili-

tator to engage the greater community in international travel; and

WHEREAS, A. Nicholas Buttino has served as Marshal of SUNY Adirondack's graduation ceremony, and in 2012, for the 50th Anniversary of the first graduating class of the college, he was given the honor of serving as the commencement speaker; and

WHEREAS, A. Nicholas Buttino participates in the SUNY ADK Chorus which delivers wonderful concerts each year including a performance at graduation and he has served on countless committees, including the SUNY Adirondack Sports Hall of Fame committee; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, A. Nicholas Buttino took on the role of Business Club Advisor and served as advisor for 35 years; he was recognized as Advisor of the Year twice and initiated the Annual Business Alumni Dinner which recognizes the importance and value in connecting students with alumni; and

WHEREAS, Over 20 years ago, while serving as Business Club Advisor, A. Nicholas Buttino founded the Baseball Club in order for the college to qualify as an interscholastic baseball team; he served as the Club's advisor for the required three years prior to it becoming an intercollegiate team sport; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1960s, A. Nicholas Buttino helped found the Broadcasting Club by filing an FCC license application and helping in the development of the Radio and Television Broadcasting academic program for the college; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also established the Adirondack Business Educators (ABE) to bring together high school business educators with college business faculty in an effort to share best practices and advocate for business education; the ABE launched the highly successful

annual Business Day program in which high school students compete at SUNY Adirondack; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, A. Nicholas Buttino has been a regular member of the Speakers Bureau, a collection of faculty members

who conduct presentations and programs in the greater community related to their field of expertise; he has also been a regular presenter of The Senior Lecture Series which is a widely received program for area seniors at SUNY Adirondack; and

WHEREAS, As Treasurer of the Faculty Student Association, A. Nicholas Buttino supported the efforts to secure the organizational structure and financing necessary to make student housing a reality; he served on the Fundraising Committee for the Regional Higher Education Center, securing philanthropic dollars in support of this community project; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, A. Nicholas Buttino has served on the Board of the Faculty Student Association for 35 years, where he held the leadership positions of President and Treasurer; he also has been an active member of the Faculty Association of Adirondack Community College serving as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, In addition, A. Nicholas Buttino served as the association's representative to the college's Board of Trustees for three years attending board meetings and updating board members on faculty activities and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, A. Nicholas Buttino's service in the community is well documented and includes serving as Business Manager of the Lake George Opera Festival for 18 years and the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra for 12 years as well as establishing the Adirondack Business Development Partnership which hosts seminars on topics of interest for area business professionals; and

WHEREAS, A. Nicholas Buttino has a long history of volunteer service to the greater community serving as a Little League Coach for 20 years, a Cub Scout Master for four years, and as a member of the Saint Michael Choir in South Glens Falls for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2010, A. Nicholas Buttino along with musician/composer Jonathan Newell, record producer Stu Kuby and community member Judith Johnson founded the Hudson River Music Hall (HRMH) to further enhance the quality of life in the region through the art, music

and theater performances and educational programs, while supporting entrepreneurship in these fields of endeavor; he has served as the Treasurer of the Board since the organization was formed and has spearheaded a number of its fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

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period of constructive involvement, A. Nicholas Buttino has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which A. Nicholas Buttino has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend A. Nicholas Buttino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to Adirondack Community College/SUNY Adirondack; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to A. Nicholas Buttino.