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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program for its continued service and dedication to its students including holding the annual Model Senate Session upon the occasion of celebrating its 21st Anniversary on March 19, 2016

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as those programs that provide exemplary services on behalf of their community, whether through unique achievements in professional or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, It is a privilege of this Legislative Body to honor the Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program for their 21 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the existence of this program students often learned about policy and the legislative process solely through academic teachings; and

WHEREAS, The Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program was established to expose and enable undergraduate students to actively experience New York State government and its legislative process; and

WHEREAS, It is through this program that every year approximately 60 CUNY and SUNY students have the opportunity to go through intensive training seminars and ultimately debate bills on the floor of this very chamber; and

WHEREAS, A program of this magnitude can only reach this level of success under the leadership of motivated faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Rogowsky, whom the program is named after, assumed the role of director back in 1995 and fostered a sense of duty and civic action among undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, This sense of community has continued to grow and strengthen under the leadership of Dr. Anthony Maniscalco, who in 1997 became the Project/Training Component Coordinator for the Model New York State

Senate Sessions and, after Dr. Rogowsky's tragic passing in 2001, became the Director of The Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the many years of its existence, The Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program has successfully coordinated and overseen numerous Model New York State Senate Sessions; and

WHEREAS, It is indeed rare to find the impressive dedication shown by individuals like Edward T. Rogowsky and Anthony Maniscalco for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when programs of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Anthony Maniscalco for continuing the dedicated service of the Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program and for celebrating its 21st Anniversary by giving another 60 young adults in New York the opportunity to experience the legislative process of this great state firsthand by participating in their Annual Model Senate on March 19, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Anthony Maniscalco.