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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Michael R. Laliberte upon the occasion of his inauguration as the 10th President of the State University of New York at Delhi on July 21, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those leaders in education whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Michael R. Laliberte upon the occasion of his inauguration as the 10th President of the State University of New York at Delhi to be celebrated on Thursday, July 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Michael R. Laliberte earned his Bachelor's degree in Human Development, Counseling and Family Studies from the University of Rhode Island, and completed his Master's degree in College Student Development and Counseling from Northeastern University; and

WHEREAS, After furthering his education at Johnson and Wales University, Michael R. Laliberte received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership in Higher Education; he also holds an advanced certificate in Fund Raising Management from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Laliberte has more than 20 years of experience in higher education and has served as a Senior Administrator for 10 years working in such areas as enrollment management, retention, community engagement and diversity initiatives; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Dr. Michael R. Laliberte began his illustrious career in higher education administration as Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Judicial Affairs at Springfield College; he later served at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where he earned numerous

promotions on his way to becoming Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Laliberte accepted a position as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Boise State University in 2006, where he ably served for four years before becoming Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (UWM); and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure at UWM, Dr. Michael R. Laliberte helped to increase overall enrollment, improved retention rates, created living-learning communities and established a Military and Veterans Resource Center; he also expanded civic engagement, and secured grants and private gifts to improve facilities and services for students; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Michael R. Laliberte was instrumental in creating a community partnership among UWM, Milwaukee Public Schools and Milwaukee Area technical colleges which focused on enacting programs to raise high school graduation rates, expand the high school to post-secondary pipeline and strengthen college preparation; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Dr. Michael R. Laliberte served as the UWM Chancellor's Cabinet representative to the Budget Planning Task Force and the University Strategic Planning Core Team, as well as on the Chancellor's Campus Organization and Effectiveness Team; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Laliberte's many professional affiliations include the American Council on Education, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, American College Personnel Association and National Association of Student Personnel Administrators; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his husband, Tom Pauken, and their son, Paul, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the educational profile of their communities 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. Michael R. Laliberte upon the occasion of his inauguration as the 10th President of the State University of New York at Delhi; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Michael R. Laliberte.