

## 2013-J519

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Excelsior College upon the occasion of being designated a "Top Military-Friendly School" for the 5th consecutive year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Excelsior College upon the occasion of being designated a "Top Military-Friendly School" for the 5th consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1971 by the New York State Board of Regents, Excelsior College is an accredited and recognized leader in removing obstacles to the educational goals of the adult learner; and

WHEREAS, Previously known as Regents College, in 1998 Excelsior College was chartered by the Regents as an independent, nonprofit institution and was renamed Excelsior College in 2001; and

WHEREAS, The students at Excelsior College have educational paths that are as unique and diverse as they are; the College's committed, national faculty and caring, professional staff help working adults overcome barriers to achieving personal, professional, and academic success; it is the nation's leading institution for prior learning assessment; and

WHEREAS, Excelsior College has more than 37,000 enrolled students and over 148,000 graduates worldwide; nearly one-third of its enrolled students self-identify as minorities and active duty, reserve and veterans comprise 34 percent of its enrolled students; and

WHEREAS, For five consecutive years, Excelsior College has been honored as one of the "Top Military-Friendly Schools" by MILITARY ADVANCED EDUCATION; and

WHEREAS, To earn its distinction as one of the top military-friendly colleges, Excelsior College was rated on a distinct set of criteria, including tuition, scholarship and financial aid programs, advising excellence, presence on military installations, as well as acceptance of

transfer credit, credit by exam and American Council on Education recognized military training; in addition, Excelsior College met specific standards on veteran support services, faculty training on veteran-specific issues, and mentorship programs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Excelsior College's course, "Success Strategies for Military and Veterans," earned the 2010-2011 Innovation Award from the Center for Transforming Student Services; the course provides college and career orientation to veterans and military members and teaches transition strategies for those entering the civilian workforce after a military career; and

WHEREAS, Excelsior College is also a recipient of the Council of College and Military Educators' Institutional Award; and

WHEREAS, Excelsior College continues to fulfill its laudable educational purposes and is proudly aware of its distinguished past; it is eager to fulfill its commitment to its students, faculty, alumni and community, and is planning with vision and purpose for the growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Excelsior College upon the occasion of being designated a

"Top Military-Friendly School" for the 5th consecutive year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Excelsior College.