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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kingsborough Community College of Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of being ranked the third best community college nationwide

WHEREAS, The State of New York is renowned for its centuries-old tradition of excellence and diversity in education and for the place of paramount importance which education holds for the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of commitment and high achievement, such as Kingsborough Community College, whose purpose and endeavor are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education and service to its community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kingsborough Community College of Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of being ranked the third best community college nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Located on Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, Kingsborough Community College has been recognized as the third best community college in the country by the Aspen Institute, a leading philanthropic think tank; the institution ranked above a pool of more than 1,000 community colleges across the country because of its high rate of transfers to four-year schools among its largely minority student base; and

WHEREAS, Sixty percent of Kingsborough Community College's students transfer to four-year colleges, which is more than double the 26% national average; the Aspen Institute reviewed every college's graduation rate-especially among minority and low-income students along with the number of students who found jobs after graduating; and

WHEREAS, Kingsborough Community College students earn a desirable income five years after graduating; in addition, 61% of first-time students receive national Pell grants, and 64% of the 39,000 students annually are people of color; and

WHEREAS, Kingsborough Community College may take just pride in its history of quality leadership, teaching, achievement and community support, acquiring special accomplishments, and bequeathing a legacy of excellence and service for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Kingsborough Community College stands prepared to reach out in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, proudly aware of its history and planning with vision and purpose to meet the challenges of the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Kingsborough Community College of Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of being ranked the third best community college nationwide; and be it further

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