Citation

Whereas, New York State's renowned university system has given generations of students outstanding learning opportunities and solid foundations upon which to build their lives and their futures, and we are proud to be home to Queens College (QC) which celebrates its 80th anniversary this 2017-2018 academic year as an integral part of the City University of New York (CUNY) — the greatest urban university system in the world; and

Whereas, since its first classes were held on October 11, 1937, Queens College has been dedicated to the idea that a first-rate education should be accessible to talented people of all backgrounds and financial means, and to preparing its students to become informed and caring citizens of our global society; today, Queens College enjoys a national reputation for its outstanding liberal arts and sciences and pre-professional programs, honors programs, and research and internship opportunities; and

Whereas, with more than 19,000 students who represent over 170 countries and speak more than 110 languages, Queens College provides an extraordinary on-campus learning environment where a wealth of cultures and perspectives come together with respect and a commitment to learning; and

Whereas, Queens College is dedicated to fostering a sense of community and developing channels of communication among veterans, military personnel, and dependent students, and it has been designated a 2017 Military Friendly® School by Victoria Media, and recognized as a “Top School” by Military Advanced Education & Transition (MAE&T) in its 2017 MAE&T Guide to Colleges & Universities; and

Whereas, in the last 40 years, Queens College faculty and students have been nominated for over 100 Grammy Awards, and the college's Evening Readings series has brought to campus over a dozen Nobel laureates; the college has consistently been praised by the Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report, and Forbes and Money magazines for its outstanding academics, world-class faculty, generous financial aid packages, and affordable tuition; and

Whereas, Queens College contributes to the state's talent pool as a powerful economic engine and a leader in tech education, with more computer science majors than any university in New York City and the only Tech Incubator in the borough of Queens; and

Whereas, Queens College has the third-highest number of accounting and business students in all of New York State, and has graduated more teachers, counselors, and principals than any other college in the metropolitan area; the College's more than 160,000 alumni have gone on to excel in all areas of society and can be found at the top of all fields including medicine, law, business, education, the media, politics, science, or entertainment; and

Whereas, Queens College’s Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library is home to the archives of jazz legend Louis Armstrong as well as to a vast Civil Rights archives and the papers of such noted New York public servants as Judge Charles Colden, Representative Ben Rosenthal, and Assembly Speaker Saul Weprin; and

Whereas, the research carried out by Queens College's faculty has been supported by organizations and institutes addressing health, energy, defense, and environmental issues, as well as pressing social issues in the Queens borough, such as cancer, pollution, and racism, and other units celebrating the borough's many ethnic and religious communities; and

Whereas, over the past eight decades, thousands of students have graduated from Queens College and have contributed to the economic, cultural, and educational capital of New York City and State; upon celebrating this 80th anniversary, New Yorkers join in congratulating the College community and express gratitude to those dedicated to continuing its mission of shaping the futures of its students and sustaining a path to equal educational opportunities for all;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this Special Citation in recognition of

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEENS COLLEGE

with congratulations and best wishes to the entire board, administration, staff, faculty, and students of this distinguished institution of higher education.

Governor
October 11, 2017