State of New York
Legislative Resolution

Assembly No. 432

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COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the State University of New York at Oswego

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those exemplary institutions of higher education within the State of New York which have achieved world renown and brought pride and honor to our State and Nation through their traditions of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the State University of New York at Oswego; and

WHEREAS, The theme of the sesquicentennial year will be "Celebrating 150 Years of Engaging Minds and Opening Doors."; and

WHEREAS, Formal activities will begin with the State University of New York at Oswego's commencement on May 14, 2011, and continue throughout the rest of the year; and

WHEREAS, The State University of New York at Oswego was founded in 1861 as the Oswego Primary Teachers' Training School by Edward Austin Sheldon, who embraced and popularized some of the most innovative teaching methods of his day; in 1913, the campus moved from the city of Oswego to the current lakeside location following the construction and opening of what is now known as Sheldon Hall; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, New York State legislation elevated the institution from a normal school to the degree-granting Oswego State Teachers College; in 1948, it became one of the State University of New York's charter members; to meet the expanded need for specialized instruction, the institution broadened its academic perspective to become a full-fledged arts and sciences institution in the SUNY system and featuring a range of liberal and professional studies by 1962; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego's student body quadrupled during the 1960s and early 1970s, which was a busy time of building on campus as well, 29 new buildings opened in the 1960s alone; it divided into the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and School of Education in 1992; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Oswego also created the School of Communication, Media and the Arts in 2007; the College of Arts and Sciences became the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2008; and

WHEREAS, The campus currently consists of 46 buildings with classroom, laboratory, residential and athletic facilities; recent years have witnessed the launch of a significant campus-wide renovation and renewal program, highlighted by the October of 2006 opening of the Campus Center, the college's first new building in 35 years; and