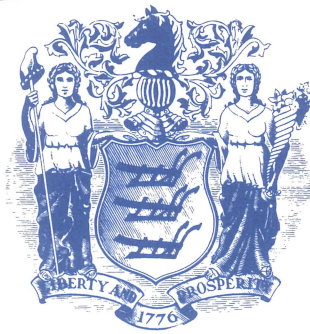


State of New Jersey



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senate President SWEENEY, Assembly Speaker PRIETO, Senator VITALE,
Assemblymen WISNIEWSKI and COUGHLIN and All Members of the Legislature

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to join in honoring and saluting Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey, highly esteemed in this State and nation as a superb institution of higher learning, upon the auspicious occasion of its Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey was established as Queen’s College by Governor William Franklin on November 10, 1766, becoming the eighth of nine colonial colleges, and the school was rededicated as Rutgers College in 1825 in honor of Colonel Henry Rutgers, a respected Trustee and Revolutionary War veteran who made significant contributions to the College, including the bell that still hangs today in the cupola of the Old Queens building at the New Brunswick campus; and,

WHEREAS, Acclaimed as the only university in the nation that is a colonial college, a land-grant college, and a public research university, Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey has continued to adapt to the changing needs of its students and the community-at-large, adding Rutgers University – Newark in 1946 and Rutgers University – Camden in 1950, as well as welcoming most units of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in one of the largest mergers in the history of higher education in this country in July of 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey is renowned as the birthplace of college football, with Rutgers defeating Princeton with a score of 6 to 4 in the first intercollegiate football game on November 6, 1869, and Rutgers University – New Brunswick was deservedly accepted into the Big Ten Conference in July of 2014; and,

WHEREAS, A valued member of the Association of American Universities since 1989, when it became the only public university in this State represented in the Association, Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey has amply fulfilled its goal of providing an excellent education to all the students who have attended this respected institution of higher learning throughout the past two and one-half centuries, with more than 65,000 students and in excess of 22,000 faculty and staff members today and approximately 460,000 living alumni worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey, the vitality of its communities, and the effectiveness of our American society depend, in great measure, upon schools, exemplified by Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey, that have risen to the challenges of each new generation of students; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby congratulates Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey on reaching its Two Hundred Fiftieth year, praises the meritorious record of its teachers, administrators, and staff, both past and present, in providing exceptional educational opportunities to its students, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success and vigor in the years ahead; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey.

Attest:



Jennifer A. McQuaid
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly


President of the Senate


Speaker of the General Assembly