

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

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Honoring Dr. Marvel E. Ross-Jones on her Retirement

WHEREAS, *Dr. Marvel E. Ross-Jones*, a life-long resident of Buffalo, New York and professional turned academician, served at Bryant & Stratton for more than 27 years and has worked with distinction in various other capacities, including faculty member, High School Services Coordinator, Director of Career Services and the Dean of Academics; and

WHEREAS, having earned a Bachelors' Degree in Bio-Chemistry and a Masters' Degree in Business Administration from Canisius College, she proceeded on to a successful 17-year career in research & development, and management in business and industry; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service at Bryant & Stratton College, Dr. Ross-Jones worked for Western Electric (former manufacturing division of Bell Telephone), the Linde Division of Union Carbide, and as an Applications Engineer, Marketing Coordinator and Manager of the Domestic and International Orders Department for American Standard – The Heat Transfer Division; and

WHEREAS, after deciding upon a career change, Marvel Ross-Jones entered the world of academia and returned to college attending the State University of New York at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, there she obtained certification as a School District Administrator, earned a Masters' Degree in Educational Administration and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy; and

WHEREAS, having served as the Campus Director of both the Orchard Park and Amherst Campuses, Dr. Ross-Jones served the past 11 years of her career with the College as the Director for Bryant & Stratton College at its Downtown Buffalo, New York location; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her impact in education, Dr. Ross-Jones is a life-long member of Saints Home COGIC, Dr. Ross-Jones is a dedicated church worker, licensed evangelist missionary, serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at her local church, the Director of the Young Women's Christian Council and the Superintendent of Sunday Schools for the New York Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, she also writes commentary for the Church of God in Christ's Annual Interpretive Expository, a companion piece to the Annual Sunday School Lessons Manual, which is published by the COGIC Publishing House including Mt. Saint Mary High School, the Girl Scouts of Western New York, Say Yes Buffalo, and currently serves on the Board of Read to Succeed Buffalo., Memphis, TN and utilized by Sunday Schools world-wide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross-Jones never tires of learning and is continuing her education as she pursues a Doctorate in Ministry in Theology in Culture at BILD International, the Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development in Ames, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross-Jones is a member of the Gamma Phi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and currently serves as a Chapter Representative to the National Pan-Hellenic Council (a collaborative umbrella council composed of historically African American Sororities and Fraternities); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross-Jones has served on a number of boards and committees, including Mt. Saint Mary High School, the Girl Scouts of Western New York, Say Yes Buffalo, and currently serves on the Board of Read to Succeed Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, her career success notwithstanding, Marvel's proudest moments come from her children, Dr. April Raye (Jones) Sanders and Delbert Rovell Jones II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross-Jones is a committed educator, who firmly believes that all students can learn and that they should all have the opportunity to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross-Jones is looking forward to completing her theology degree and spending much more time writing, as "she has two books in her head" that she is determined to get down on paper; and

WHEREAS, after more than 27 years of loyal and conscientious service to Bryant & Stratton College and Erie County, Dr. Ross-Jones retired on February 28, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby celebrate and recognize *Dr. Marvel E. Ross-Jones* for her life of service in academics and business to many individuals throughout our community for whom she has cared for in a dedicated and conscientious way; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body congratulates Dr. Ross-Jones on her retirement and wishes her and her family many more years of good health and blessed happiness to pursue her personal hobbies and pursuits.

Hon. April N.M. Baskin
Erie County Legislator, 2nd District

Hon. Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature