

State of New Jersey



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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senate President SCUTARI, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN,
and All Members of the Legislature

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to honor and salute Joseph "Joe" Bertolino Ed.D., a highly esteemed member of his community, upon the felicitous occasion of his inauguration as the sixth President of Stockton University on April 12, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, An illustrious graduate of the University of Scranton who holds a master of social work from Rutgers University and a doctorate in higher education administration and leadership development from Columbia University, Dr. Joseph Bertolino has secured a sterling reputation as a deeply devoted social justice educator, one whose career has been informed by his passion for student success and a determination to improve access to higher education; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Stockton University, he served with distinction as the President of Southern Connecticut State University, where, among his key accomplishments, he raised the institution's profile, established it as Connecticut's public university for social justice, and expanded community outreach and partnerships, building strategic enrollment and streamlining students' paths to success in their respective degree programs; and,

WHEREAS, The former President of Lyndon State College, Dr. Joseph Bertolino has lent his vast experience and expertise in multiple roles at Queens College/City University of New York and Barnard College, and his many outstanding professional accomplishments have earned for him a number of prestigious accolades and membership in several national honor societies; and,

WHEREAS, He has been upheld in his many beneficent endeavors by his partner of nearly thirty years, Bil, and he takes great pride in his twelve godchildren and two grandsons; and,

WHEREAS, The strength and prosperity of the State of New Jersey and the effectiveness of our American society greatly depend upon conscientious individuals, exemplified by Dr. Joseph Bertolino, who devote their time and energies and utilize their unique skills in furtherance of an astute, engaged, and informed citizenry; now, therefore,

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

That this Legislature hereby congratulates Dr. Joseph Bertolino, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success at Stockton University; 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 Joseph "Joe" Bertolino Ed.D.

Attest:



Linda Metzger
Secretary of the Senate



Dana Burleson
Clerk of the General Assembly

Nicholas P. Scutari
President of the Senate

Craig J. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly