Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is indeed proper to honor those who display selfless commitment to serving their country in so many ways and given of themselves with exceptional quality, and to give testimony to their good deeds; and,

WHEREAS, I honor COLGATE UNIVERSITY for 200 years of education, service and history; and

WHEREAS, COLGATE UNIVERSITY was founded as the Baptist Education Society of New York in 1819 by 13 men with 13 dollars and 13 prayers. In 1846 it was renamed Madison University after the state legislature granted the institution a charter to confer degrees. The institution was named Colgate University in 1890 after the Colgate family for their years of service; and

WHEREAS, since the mid-1820s COLGATE UNIVERSITY has embraced internationalism. First by leading students to Burma for missionary work, the first international student graduated in 1868, and in 1958 the first foreign study group went to Argentina, and then in the 1980s Colgate extended its international reach with study groups in Taiwan, Zambia, Barbados, Wales and the former Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, COLGATE UNIVERSITY created its core curriculum in 1928 which has evolved over the course of its 90-year existence but maintains its relevance and impact for new generations of liberal arts students; and

WHEREAS, in 1935 COLGATE UNIVERSITY launched its Washington, D.C. Study Group to connect students with the nation's capital. Since then students have traveled to the capital to meet with presidents, members of congress and others in our nation's government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I and the Congress of the United States recognize COLGATE UNIVERSITY for 200 years of dedication to education. As a proud alumna, I congratulate Colgate on this prestigious achievement and wish the university many more years of success.

