THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

Naming of the Harold Kobliner Chair in Education

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of an endowed chair at The City College of New York as the “Harold Kobliner Chair in Education.”

EXPLANATION: Harold Kobliner graduated from The City College of New York in 1950 with a degree in history. In November 2011, Beth Kobliner Shaw, his daughter and president of The Shaw Family Endowment Fund, pledged $3,000,000 on the Fund’s behalf to The City College Fund in honor of her father. This pledge will benefit the School of Education at CCNY and help the College recruit a top candidate in its nationwide search for a dean. In recognition of the Shaw family’s generosity, and in accordance with the agreement made with Ms. Shaw, the College requests that an endowed chair be named the “Harold Kobliner Chair in Education.”

After graduating from CCNY, Harold Kobliner began a career as a teacher in the New York City Public School System. In 1969 he was named principal of Marie Curie Junior High School in Queens, and in 1977 he was appointed by the New York City Board of Education to the school system’s Board of Examiners. Mr. Kobliner retired as the Board’s chairman in 1990.

During his career Harold Kobliner earned eight teaching and supervisory licenses, spent 20 summers working as a head counselor and director at summer sleep-away camps and spent 15 years working with the Education Committee of ANIBIC, the Association for Neurologically Impaired and Brain Injured Children. He and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 60 years and have three children and six grandchildren.