Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York authorize the granting of tuition waivers to student participants in the CUNY Career PATH program.

EXPLANATION: In September 2011, a consortium of eight CUNY colleges was awarded a United States Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant for $19.86 million. The funds will be used to implement CUNY Career PATH, Career Preparation for Adults through Training and Higher Education, which will prepare more than 2,000 unemployed and underemployed adults and those at risk of losing their jobs for success in college and their careers. Students will enroll in continuing education and credit courses; a portion of students will enroll in college. The eight consortium member schools are: Kingsborough Community College (lead); Borough of Manhattan Community College; Bronx Community College; Hostos Community College; LaGuardia Community College; Queensborough Community College; New York City College of Technology; and College of Staten Island.

The United States Department of Labor does not allow the grant to be used to pay for tuition or fees. The eight consortium member schools seek to provide tuition waivers for students who require them, thus eliminating a barrier to their participation in the program. The consortium estimates that approximately $2 million in waivers will be granted to 720 students over the three-year term of the grant.