QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Naming of the Charles F. Bova, Sr. Veterans Memorial

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Charles F. Bova, Sr. Veterans Memorial,” located adjacent to the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center at Queensborough Community College.

EXPLANATION: In 2013, Dr. Diane Bova Call, President of Queensborough Community College, pledged $25,000 to the Queensborough Community College Fund, Inc. The gift was made in honor of her father, Charles F. Bova, Sr., who received a Bronze Star during World War II as a First Sergeant in the United States Third Army, First Tank Destroyer Brigade. Sergeant Bova was among the U.S. Army troops who liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp. The gift is restricted to the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives/National Endowment for the Humanities (KHRCA/NEH) endowment fund. The KHRCA/NEH endowment fund utilizes the resources of the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives and the College to create an annual colloquia in global human rights issues that enriches students’ understanding of differences among cultures. Started in 2012, the colloquia is supported with the help of a $500,000 Challenge Grant awarded from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which creates a 50% match for gifts (including Dr. Call’s pledged gift) restricted to this endowment through 2017.

The Veterans Memorial at Queensborough Community College is a small, open-air, concrete plaza with a few benches. The concrete plaza is in the shape of the Pentagon representing the five armed forces of the United States: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. In honor of President Call’s support for this important program, Queensborough Community College therefore recommends naming the Veterans Memorial in honor of Charles F. Bova, Sr.