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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Dong-Gi Hong upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the Wayne County community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr.

Dong-Gi Hong upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the Wayne County community; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Lyons, New York, Dr. Dong-Gi Hong has been a member of the medical staff at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital since 1972; he was in private practice in Lyons until 1998 when he joined Rochester General Medical Group; he has also worked as the medical director of the DeMay Living Center in Newark; and

WHEREAS, Officially retiring on December 14, 2012, Dr. Dong-Gi Hong has worked tirelessly to advance the standard of patient care as one of the first internists in Wayne County; he is a native of Seoul, South Korea, where he went to Yonsei University College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Having always aspired to be a doctor, Dr. Dong-Gi Hong worked for three years in the South Korean Air Force and later came to the United States in 1967; he did his residency at the University of Boston Medical Center and then moved to Lyons because he wanted the challenge of a rural practice and continued to make house calls long after it went out of fashion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dong-Gi Hong now plans to move to New Jersey and become a medical volunteer for a large Korean church and travel with his wife, Ae-Soon to Israel and Egypt, as well as spend quality time with other family members; and

WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, Dr. Dong-Gi Hong rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Wayne County community, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as a medical doctor, Dr. Dong-Gi Hong served

with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Dr. Dong-Gi Hong's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Dong-Gi Hong upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the Wayne County community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Dong-Gi Hong.