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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America upon the occasion of hosting its Spring Convention

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America upon the occasion of hosting its Spring Convention at the Hilton Hotel on April 12-14, 2013, in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) is an American physicians not for profit organization; formerly known as the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America when it started in 1976, it was formally incorporated in 1977; and

WHEREAS, APPNA is one of the largest ethnic medical societies in North America representing more than 17,000 physicians and health care professionals of Pakistani descent serving across the United States and Canada; it is a charitable organization dedicated to fostering scientific development and education in the field of medicine and to delivering better health care, irrespective of race, color, creed, or gender; and

WHEREAS, APPNA represents the interest of nearly 40,000 physicians of Pakistani heritage, and its members have been practicing for many years in urban, inner cities as well as rural communities; it also serves as an umbrella organization for over 1,200 physicians living and practicing medicine in the New York area; in addition, its members participate in medical relief and other charitable activities at home and abroad, such as the activities in the aftermath of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the 2005 Pakistan Earthquake, and other natural disasters and humanitarian campaigns around the world; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, APPNA'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 commend the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America upon the occasion of hosting its Spring Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Pervaiz Iqbal, Spring Convention Chair, Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America.