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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood (UHPP) upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, to be celebrated on October 22, 2009

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of this Empire State, if the ingredients of shared concern and responsive endeavor combine in the symmetry of commitment to service, there have emerged among the distinguished citizenry of the State of New York certain organizations of compelling distinction; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary at an event to be held at Franklin Plaza in Troy, New York, on October 22, 2009, and featuring a speech by noted author, physician, and Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston University, Dr. Kenneth Edelin; and

WHEREAS, At this time, UHPP will recognize Dr. Fred Storm for his outstanding contributions to the field of reproductive health; from 1971 until 1987, Dr. Storm was a private Ob/GYN physician, and from 1987 until the present he has served as the Medical Director of the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood; currently, he is the Vice President of Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. is the world's largest and most trusted voluntary reproductive health care organization; founded by Margaret Sanger in 1916 as America's first birth control clinic, Planned Parenthood believes in everyone's right to choose when or whether to have a child, that every child should be wanted and loved, and that women should be in charge of their own destinies; and

WHEREAS, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood (UHPP) is a community-based non-profit organization which has promoted healthy sexuality and reproductive choices in the capital region through exceptional services, honest education and fearless advocacy since 1934; and

WHEREAS, UHPP is a dynamic community resource that offers a wide range of medical and counseling services and health care education, as well as advocacy programs; committed professional staff run Planned Parenthood health centers and caring physicians, nurse practitioners, and other staff take time to talk with clients, encouraging them to ask questions and discuss their feelings in a confidential setting; and

WHEREAS, Over 11,000 patients visit one of UHPP's three health centers in Albany, Hudson, and Troy each year for a wide range of health care services; the patients are women, men and teens who seek expert reproductive and related health care services at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, Over 6,000 youth and adults take part in UHPP educational workshops and presentations, as well as take advantage of its extensive library resources and web sites, or receive information from its community educators; and

WHEREAS, The UHPP Board of Directors, who are professionals and community residents from Albany, Columbia, Greene and Rensselaer Counties, govern the agency and ensure its financial strength, adherence to its mission and long-term viability as a community health care provider; and

WHEREAS, Through its long and sustained commitment to the preservation and enhancement of human dignity, the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood has made critical differences in the lives of millions of people: the difference between ignorance and knowledge, between illness and health, and between restriction and choice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood upon the occasion of celebrating 75 years of choices on October 22, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood.