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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the MHE Research Foundation for its dedicated work in finding a cure for Multiple Hereditary Extoses

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious individuals and organizations that work to serve the health care needs of citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the MHE Research Foundation for its dedicated work in finding a cure for Multiple Hereditary Extoses; and

WHEREAS, A nonprofit 501-c organization, the MHE Research Foundation provides support to researchers, physicians and families dealing with Multiple Hereditary Extoses; and

WHEREAS, The five point mission of the MHE Research Foundation is to REACH, advance and support: Research, to help support researchers in order to one day discover a treatment/cure for MHE; Education, to provide clinical information/guides benefiting both families and physicians; Advocacy, bring awareness about this disease to the world; Clinical, to help provide resources to families enabling them to locate medical care they require; and Hope, the research being conducted on MHE and the informational resources will bring a better quality of life to the families affected by this disease; and

WHEREAS, Also known as Hereditary Multiple Extoses or Multiple Osteochondroma, Multiple Hereditary Extoses is a genetic bone disease in which benign cartilage-capped bone tumors grow outward from the metaphyses of long bones, growth plates or the surface of flat plates throughout the body; and

WHEREAS, The severity of Multiple Hereditary Extoses varies widely, some patients may have as few as two tumors and others may develop

hundreds of tumors; surgery, physical therapy and pain management are currently the only options available to patients and many struggle with chronic pain, fatigue and mobility problems throughout their lives; and WHEREAS, On September 13, 2009, the MHE Research Foundation will hold the Multiple Hereditary Extoses Funtasia Research Banquet at the El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn, New York, where it will honor Dr. John P. Dormans with the Humanitarian Scientific Achievement Award; and WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the MHE Research Foundation is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have supported its development over the years, including its National Director, Sarah Ziegler, and the Chair for Funtasia, Susan Eaton; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the MHE Research Foundation for its dedicated work in finding a cure for Multiple Hereditary Extoses, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling success which has so characterized its past; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the MHE Research Foundation.