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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Daniel Z. Aronzon, M.D., F.A.A.P., for his dedicated service to the community by the Jewish Community Center of Dutchess County on March 20, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Daniel Z. Aronzon, M.D., F.A.A.P., for his dedicated service to the community by the Jewish Community Center of Dutchess County at its March Mystique dinner to be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at the Dutchess Golf and Country Club, Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon is a Cum Laude graduate of Union College, where he majored in French Literature; he earned his medical degree from New York Medical College and completed his Pediatric Residency, including a fourth year Chief Residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine - Jacobi Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, He became Director of the Pediatric Emergency Service at Bellevue Hospital Center, one of the largest services of its kind in the country, and Associate Director of Pediatric Ambulatory Care at the New York University School of Medicine; at NYU, he was recognized by the graduating class, as its distinguished professor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon then joined a pediatric practice in Poughkeepsie, New York, and practiced general pediatrics for 22 years; the practice grew into The Children's Medical Group, one of the largest and most recognized practices in the Northeast encompassing eight offices, 35 pediatricians and over 110,000 patient visits a year; Dr.

Aronzon was one of the practice's founding partners and its first Medical Director; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon joined the medical staff of Vassar Brothers Medical Center; over the years, he became involved in Medical Staff Governance at Vassar, serving as chairman of the By Laws, Credentials, and Quality Improvement Committees, and finally was elected for multiple terms as President of the Medical and Dental Staff; and WHEREAS, Well-known and highly respected, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon is the co-author of a comprehensive multidisciplinary text in Pediatric Medicine entitled PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS, published in 2001 by Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon previously served as Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, the regional center for the Mid-Hudson Valley, and concurrently as Chief Medical Officer for Health Quest -- its parent system; he currently serves as the President and CEO of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, a 365 bed, full service hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of the American College of Physician Executives; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon has been a long-standing member of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club, where he organized a countywide childhood immunization effort that achieved statewide recognition; he has served as a member of the Board at the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the March of

Dimes, and the Board of Rehabilitation Programs Inc., where he developed the region's first infant screening program for high risk graduates of neonatal intensive care units; and

WHEREAS, He currently chairs Marist College's Pre-Health Advisory Board; he also chairs the Board of Governors of the United Way of Dutchess County; moreover, he serves on the Board of Advisors of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, as well as on the Board of Pattern for Progress and SPARC; and

WHEREAS, On a national level, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon has served on the Pediatric Advisory Council for the Anne E. Dyson Initiative, a collaborative venture between the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Dyson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his efforts of in-depth magnitude, Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon was the 2009 inaugural recipient of the Bernard Handel Community Service Award, given by Dutchess Community College to foster leadership in the not-for-profit arena; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Daniel Z. Aronzon has displayed throughout his life; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Daniel Z. Aronzon, M.D., F.A.A.P., for his dedicated service to the community by the Jewish Community Center of Dutchess County on March 20, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Daniel Z. Aronzon, M.D., F.A.A.P.