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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Lawrence G. Smith for receiving the Physician of Distinction Award from the Nassau Physicians Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in 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 Dr. Lawrence G. Smith for receiving the Physician of Distinction Award from the Nassau Physicians Foundation on Friday, April 16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Smith is the founding dean of the Hofstra University School of Medicine in partnership with North Shore-LIJ Health System; as chief medical officer at the North Shore-LIJ Health System, he is the 15-hospital health system's senior physician, responsible for the overall professional management of clinical, education, research and operational issues related to all medical and clinical affairs throughout North Shore-LIJ; he has held this position since September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Smith joined North Shore-LIJ in May of 2005 as chief academic officer and senior vice president of academic affairs; in this capacity, he strengthened the health system's graduate medical education programs and expanded medical school affiliations, significantly enhancing North Shore-LIJ's ability to recruit medical students and residents; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, before joining North Shore-LIJ, Dr. Lawrence Smith was at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan, where he served as dean, chairman of medical education, founder and director of the

school's Institute for Medical Education, professor of medicine and an attending physician; he joined the faculty of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1994 as vice chairman of the Department of Medicine and residency program director; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his career at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Dr. Lawrence Smith practiced general medicine at the State University of New York's Stony Brook University Hospital, where he became a full-time faculty member, director of education and program director of the hospital's residency program in internal medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Smith is a former president of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine and a Regent of the American College of Physicians; he began his career practicing general internal medicine in Huntington, New York, and then serving as residency program director in the Department of Medicine at Stony Brook University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Smith has held senior leadership positions in national societies for medical education and residency training, authored numerous peer-reviewed publications in the area of medical education, and has received awards and honors from national and international organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Smith earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Physics from Fordham University and a M.D. from the New York University School of Medicine; his residency in Internal Medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital was followed by military service as Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps, at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Dr. Lawrence Smith, who have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication in performing vital medical

research, are worthy and due the highest commendation for their contributions to all of humanity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Dr. Lawrence G. Smith for receiving the Physician of Distinction Award from the Nassau Physicians Foundation; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Lawrence G. Smith.