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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mr. Syd Mandelbaum, MA, MBA for receiving the Humanitarian 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 Mr. Syd Mandelbaum, MA, MBA for receiving the Humanitarian Award from the Nassau Physicians Foundation on Friday, April 16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Co-founder of the DNA Shoah Project, Syd Mandelbaum has a long background with DNA research and with Holocaust survivors; in 1981, he helped found the first project to videotape the stories of Holocaust survivors and camp liberators; and

WHEREAS, While a DNA Consultant at the Harvard Medical School Center for Blood Research Laboratory in genetics testing, Syd Mandelbaum led the American team in the 1990s that used DNA sequencing to disprove Anna Anderson's claim that she was Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II of Russia; and

WHEREAS, After sets of nearly three dozen remains of what may have been Holocaust victims were found in Germany in 2005, Syd Mandelbaum mentioned he learned that no DNA database of Holocaust victims existed; with the help of Michael Hammer, the head of a genetics analysis lab at the University of Arizona, the DNA Shoah Project was born; and

WHEREAS, Syd Mandelbaum graduated from Brooklyn College with a BS degree and an MA; earning his MBA from Hofstra University, he taught high school science in Brooklyn and Oceanside before going to work in

the medical industry as a scientist; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Diane, their children, Bari, Jill, Emily, Ryan and Dylan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Syd Mandelbaum, 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 Mr. Syd Mandelbaum, MA, MBA for receiving the Humanitarian Award from the Nassau Physicians Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. Syd Mandelbaum, MA, MBA.