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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. and the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn upon the occasion of hosting its 2010 Doctors' Recognition Day and paying just tribute to its distinguished honorees

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. and the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn upon the occasion of hosting its 2010 Doctors' Recognition Day and to pay just tribute to its distinguished honorees; and

WHEREAS, This most auspicious event will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the Dyker Beach Golf Club, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Adrian Vanderveer, a graduate of Columbia Physicians and Surgeons and a native of Flatbush, New York, was the founder of the Medical Society of Kings, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 1822, Dr. Vanderveer invited six physicians to his home to discuss the propriety of forming a county medical society; a committee was appointed to draft bylaws, and with commendable dispatch, the founding meeting took place at the Auld Lang Syne Tavern on Fulton Street; bylaws were adopted and Dr. Cornelius Low was elected the first President and served three terms; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vanderveer was chosen to be the first Secretary and later went on to serve as the seventh President of the Society; he became a

pioneer in another sense and was the first physician in Brooklyn to leave General Practice to specialize; and

WHEREAS, The first physician to be licensed by the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. was Dr. John Carpenter, who later founded the first Sunday School in Fort Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. continues its original mandate to examine the credentials and license of its members, and to encourage physicians to belong to an organization that advocates for access to the highest standards of health care, while continuing to plead for its member physicians; and

WHEREAS, The Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn is committed to providing opportunities for improvement of education for the members of the medical profession in the County of Kings; it also maintains a medical library or an equivalent international system alone or in conjunction with other educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn disseminates knowledge of scientific medicine to physicians, medical students, allied health professionals and the public; they also strive to serve the public's best interests; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. and the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn will recognize ten exceptional doctors, including: Sonia M. Vinas, M.D., The Brooklyn Hospital Center; Albert M. Wright, M.D., Interfaith Medical Center; William A. Lois, M.D., Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center; Daniel D. Ricciardi, M.D., The Long Island College Hospital; Anthony J. Acinapura, M.D., Lutheran Medical Center; Ira E. Mayer, M.D., Maimonides Medical Center; Chinwe F. Okonkwo, M.D., New York Methodist Hospital; Jack A. DeHovitz, M.D., SUNY Downstate Medical Center; Edward R. Fishkin, M.D., Woodhull Medical and

Mental Health Center; and Mark Adler, M.D., Wyckoff Heights Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Each of these doctors has continually demonstrated extreme

competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in their unwavering service to their community and medical profession and consequently have been chosen for this most prestigious honor; 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 commend the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. and the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn upon the occasion of hosting its 2010 Doctors' Recognition Day and paying just tribute to its distinguished honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc., the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn and the aforementioned honorees.