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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Robert A. Zaloom, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation by Lutheran HealthCare as the recipient of a Sister Elisabeth Fedde Medal of Service at its 127th Annual Dinner Dance on May 8, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 organizations and individuals who 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 honor Robert A. Zaloom, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation by Lutheran HealthCare as the recipient of a Sister Elisabeth Fedde Medal of Service at its 127th Annual Dinner Dance, to be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at Grand Central Terminal on Saturday, May 8, 2010; and

WHEREAS, This year, at its Annual Dinner Dance, Lutheran HealthCare celebrates its 127-year legacy of providing quality health care to the communities of Brooklyn and honors those who have made noteworthy contributions to Lutheran and the patients it serves; and

WHEREAS, Bay Ridge native and Director of the May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Cardiology Center, Robert A. Zaloom, M.D., has significantly contributed to Lutheran HealthCare's success and truly merits the Sister Elisabeth Fedde Medal of Service, named after Lutheran HealthCare's 1883 founder and bestowed upon individuals who continue Sister Fedde's legacy of service and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zaloom has dedicated his career to providing cardiac care in Brooklyn for more than twenty years; born and raised in Bay Ridge, he attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and Xaverian High School, where he began his career in medicine, working as a volunteer nurse's aide at Coney Island Hospital in a unique high school program, revolutionary for its time; and

WHEREAS, He went on to attend New York University, continuing to work

in the hospital on weekends to help pay for his education, and after earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics, he attended graduate school and earned a master's degree in biochemistry; he then completed four years of medical school, a three-year internal medicine residency at Lutheran, followed by a fourth year as Chief Medical Resident, and a fellowship in cardiology at SUNY Downstate; and WHEREAS, After graduation, Dr. Zaloom returned to Lutheran as an attending physician in cardiology and joined the practice of Nagi Bustros, M.D., and Antoine Fernaine, M.D., which recently expanded to include Thao Ngo, M.D. and George Fernaine, M.D., and was renamed "Bay Ridge Hearts"; and WHEREAS, Dr. Zaloom is, in addition, a full attending physician at Lenox Hill Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital; and WHEREAS, Dr. Zaloom regards the crowning achievement of his career to be the opening of the May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Cardiology Center at Lutheran Medical Center in 2005; the center recently joined forces with Mount Sinai and has received both FDNY STEMI Center and New York State designations to perform emergency and elective angioplasty (PCI), making it Brooklyn's newest full service cardiac center; and WHEREAS, Dr. Zaloom and his wife Joan, a former Lutheran CCU nurse, are the proud and loving parents of four children, all born at Lutheran Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of the Bay Ridge Medical Society and regularly lectures in the community on cardiac nutrition, which is of special interest to him; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community as well as his profession, Dr. Zaloom has coached St. Anselm's soccer and baseball, served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Anselm's Church, and served on the Xaverian High School Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such accomplishment are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and celebrated 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 Robert A. Zaloom, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation by Lutheran HealthCare as the recipient of a Sister Elisabeth Fedde Medal

of Service at its 127th Annual Dinner Dance on May 8, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Robert A. Zaloom.