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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring President/Chief Executive Officer Darlene A. Burns upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to Rome Memorial Hospital

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor President/Chief Executive Officer Darlene A. Burns upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to Rome Memorial Hospital, to be celebrated on Friday, December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Burns, MS, RN, President/Chief Executive Officer graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Watertown, New York, and earned her master's degree in health care administration from the New School for Social Research; she started her career at Rome Memorial Hospital in 1972 as a charge nurse; and

WHEREAS, Moving up through the nursing and administration ranks, Darlene Burns served as director of nursing from 1982 to 1989, when she was named assistant hospital administrator; she briefly served as interim hospital administrator in 1992; in addition, she was promoted from Senior Vice President/Clinical Services to Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer in 2001, and became President/Chief Executive Officer in 2002; and

WHEREAS, During her years as the hospital's senior vice-president and chief operating officer, Darlene Burns played a significant role in the development of new services to meet the community's needs, including the hospital's 14-bed rehabilitation unit and its 11-bed senior behavioral health unit; under her leadership as CEO, the hospital recruited several new physicians and made significant investments in its infrastructure;

and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, Darlene Burns rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Rome Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as President/Chief Executive Officer, Darlene Burns served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Darlene Burns was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, the late Patrick, and their children Neil, John and Scott, as well as their grandchildren, Taylor, Riley, and Addison, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with Rome Memorial Hospital, Darlene Burns earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; she is a true asset to society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor President/Chief Executive Officer Darlene A. Burns upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Darlene A. Burns.