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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard B. Rubenstein, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Peconic Bay Medical Center

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, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Peconic Bay Medical Center to be celebrated at its Oscar Party at The Inn & Spa at East Wind, Wading River, New York, on Saturday, March 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein is a graduate of State University of New York - Downstate and has completed full residences in general surgery and thoracic/vascular surgery; he has special expertise in gastric banding surgery and has been a principal investigator in the FDA clinical trials for the LAP-BAND and Swedish Band; and

WHEREAS, With over 20 years of experience in the field of obesity surgery, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein has performed over 15,000 procedures in the areas of general, vascular, thoracic and bariatric surgery; and

WHEREAS, At Peconic Bay Medical Center, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein served as Chief of Surgery and is currently Director of The Richard B. Rubenstein, MD Center for Bariatric Surgery, which has earned top marks from the field's leading surgeons by gaining the American Society for

Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery's (ASMBS) "Center of Excellence"

distinction; in addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for Peconic Medical Center and the Peconic Bay Medical Center Foundation; and WHEREAS, Having been active in hospitals all across Suffolk County, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein has earned a reputation as one of the leading physicians in his field, and is esteemed by his colleagues and bariatric surgeons worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in his profession, Dr. Richard B. Rubenstein has proven himself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed individuals and institutions within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the progress of medicine and the improvement of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard B. Rubenstein, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Peconic Bay Medical Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard B. Rubenstein, M.D.