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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Michel-Jose Charles upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Outstanding Health Service Leadership Award

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge those exemplary individuals whose purposeful lives and distinguished careers have been committed to bettering the quality of life in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Michel-Jose Charles upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Outstanding Health Service Leadership Award, to be celebrated on Thursday, March 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Michel-Jose Charles was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti where he attended Father Andre's college Canado-Haitian and College Classiques D'Haiti; following an excellent high school career, his outstanding scholastic achievements earned him entry into the School of Medicine at North East University Tampico, Tamps., Mexico, where he graduated at the top of his class; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles interned at the Institution of Social Security of Mexico (ISSM) and, the Social Services Department of Health, City of Madero, Tamps., Mexico; he was recognized by the Department of Public Health, Tampico-Tamps, Mexico as the best Medical Doctor of Community Medicine; while in Mexico, he served as General Practitioner, Counselor and Advisor, while performing various preventative medicine functions as a Public Health Agent at the General Hospital at Tampico; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Dr. Charles migrated to New York and completed his Postgraduate studies at Columbia University; he also completed a residency program in internal Medicine and a fellowship in Gastroenterology at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn; he is also Board Certified as an Internist and Gastroenterologist; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles' professional accomplishments are notable, many of which include: serving as an attending physician in the Department of Health and Emergency Medical at Ryker's Island, Kings County Hospital,

VA Brooklyn, SUNY Downstate, Brookdale Hospital and Paul Cooper Drug Rehabilitation Program; currently, he serves as attending physician and program director at Brookdale Hospital while maintaining a thriving private practice; he also volunteers on several medical missions venturing to Haiti, Guyana and the Dominican Republic, and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional commitments, Dr. Charles is the treasurer of the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE), DOC's Tee Time, and Vice President of the Asclepius Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles has received several awards from organizations, including the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE), Asclepius Medical Society, Doc Tee Time, and Correct Healthcare 41 District; and

WHEREAS, Visiting Jamaica and Grenada in medical missions and relief, Dr. Charles notes that injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane form of discrimination; as a person, he recognizes that ethnicity and social class often determine these disparities; with this knowledge in mind, he goes out of his way to show compassion and concern for humanity, especially to the underprivileged, and he has dedicated his life to provide service to these needy people; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Dr. Charles over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention,

it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Michel-Jose Charles upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Outstanding Health Service Leadership Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Michel-Jose Charles.