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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the life and accomplishments of Dr. Joseph N. Cunningham, Jr., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Renowned cardiac surgeon, Dr. Joseph N. Cunningham, Jr. passed away on Monday, February 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Cunningham distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A 1966 graduate from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Dr. Joseph Cunningham came to Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, in 1982 as the Chief of Surgery, eventually becoming the Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, During his time with Maimonides Medical Center, Dr. Joseph Cunningham created high level, renowned cardiac and general surgical programs and initiated important clinical research; furthermore, he recruited leading surgeons from around the country and trained generations of new surgical leaders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Cunningham's talents and leadership led Maimonides Medical Center to national and international recognition for medical excellence; and

WHEREAS, A dynamic leader and forward thinking physician, Dr. Joseph Cunningham's medical skills were matched only by the kindness and compassion he showed to his patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Cunningham's commitment to excellence, and his

spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Cunningham is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie; his children, Teresa Korn, Lori Cunningham, Stefani Tower, Jessica Cunningham, Gaynor Cunningham and Joseph Cunningham; and his grandchildren, Shelby, Andrea, Simone, Ruby and Lyla; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Dr. Joseph Cunningham leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of Dr. Joseph N. Cunningham, Jr., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dr. Joseph N. Cunningham, Jr.