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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Penn South Social Services, Inc. and the Penn South Program for Seniors

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those facilities which provide essential care and supportive services for the elderly and those in need, and serve to enhance the quality of life for our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Penn South Social Services, Inc. and the Penn South Program for Seniors; and

WHEREAS, The year 2011 marks the 25th Anniversary of the formation of Penn South Social Services, Inc. and the Penn South Program for Seniors; and

WHEREAS, Penn South Social Services, Inc. is an independent organization founded by leaders of the Penn South Co-Operative development in order to sponsor social service programs for residents; and

WHEREAS, Having followed a survey of resident needs, Penn South Social Services opened the Penn South Program for Seniors with the support of organizations including the United Jewish Appeal Federation; and

WHEREAS, The Penn South Program for Seniors was the first "naturally occurring retirement community" (NORC) program in the country; and

WHEREAS, The program's goal is to assist the elderly to age on site independently while accessing a full range of social services and maintaining close social relationships with friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The Penn South Program for Seniors offers health and mental

health services, including blood pressure clinics, diabetes and chronic pain groups, registered nurse assessments, health and mental health education seminars, assistance with registration for State and Federal health programs and overall care coordination and case management; and WHEREAS, Taking an holistic approach to personal wellness, the program also provides educational and cultural services, including painting, sculpture, singing and acting classes, neighbor nights, and trips to a broad range of New York's cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Penn South Social Services, Inc. and the Penn South Program for Seniors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Penn South Social Services, Inc. and the Penn South Program for Seniors.