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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Maimonides Medical Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those organizations of long-standing concerned commitment who have faithfully served in the delivery of medical services to the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Maimonides Medical Center on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at Borough Park in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known as the largest hospital and Medicaid provider in Brooklyn, Maimonides Medical Center was officially named in 1966 after Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon, a brilliant 12th-century philosopher who laid the foundation for the modern medical training of physicians; Rabbi Maimon, better known as Maimonides, was deeply committed to cultural tolerance and humane care, in addition to high medical standards; and

WHEREAS, Maimonides Medical Center was founded as the New Utrecht Dispensary in 1911; in 1919, it absorbed several smaller dispensaries and became Israel Hospital of Brooklyn, and in 1920, it merged with Zion Hospital and became United Israel Zion Hospital; and

WHEREAS, New facilities were built to accommodate the growing patient needs; in 1947, Maimonides Hospital was formed by the merger of United Israel Zion and Beth Moses hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Maimonides Medical Center is dedicated to fostering healthy communities; it provides high quality, compassionate patient care and comprehensive community services; as a premier academic medical center, it is devoted to educating health care professionals, patients, families, employees and the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, Maimonides Medical Center conducts research that improves the lives of its patients; it welcomes patients of all faiths, and at the same time remains uniquely committed to serving the special healthcare needs of the Orthodox Jewish community, whose religious and cultural traditions help guide the provision of Maimonides services; and

WHEREAS, The 100th Anniversary of Maimonides Medical Center is special for a number of reasons, among them the completion of several important construction projects, including the opening of a beautifully renovated Intensive Cardiac Unit, the upcoming restoration of the obstetrical service unit's new 68-bed floor, and the forthcoming new Cancer Pavilion located on Seventh Avenue serving primarily women with mammography and breast cancer care; and

WHEREAS, The talented medical personnel, nurses and support staff is committed to offering the best in diagnostic, treatment and prevention of conditions and illnesses; care is administered for the individual's physical needs while always addressing the emotional and spiritual needs of every patient; and

WHEREAS, Maimonides Medical Center continues to grow and strengthen its ability to deliver high quality comprehensive health care into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Maimonides Medical Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martin D. Payson, Chairman and Pamela S. Brier, President and CEO, Maimonides Medical Center.