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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski for his lifetime of dedicated outreach, support and contributions to the community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski for his lifetime of dedicated outreach, support and contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Retired from the practice of dentistry and medicine in 1997 after 45 years as one of the foremost oral and maxillofacial surgeons in New York State, during his career Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski had offices in Auburn, Geneva and Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, One of five brothers born in Auburn, New York, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski graduated from East High School in Auburn in 1942; he enrolled at Boston College for pre-professional studies but his studies were interrupted by active service in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, While in the Army, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski completed his pre-professional studies at Cornell University and began his studies in dentistry at Creighton University; he also attended the University of Minnesota and the Western Reserve Dental School; he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Indiana University School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski enlisted in the United States Public Health Service and served at United States Coast Guard

bases in Curtis Bay, Maryland, and from Brownsville, Texas, to Key West, Florida, and up to Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, During the Korean War, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski was assigned as the only United States Public Health Service Officer in the Alaska area, treating Coast Guard personnel, Eskimos, Indians and other Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, After his Korean War service, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski attended the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania for oral and maxillofacial surgery; he also studied at the Jersey City Medical Center, New York University School of Dentistry, Columbia School of Dentistry and Tufts University Dental School; and

WHEREAS, A Founding Fellow of the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski was President of the American Society of Psychosomatic Medicine in Dentistry in 1964; he was President of the New York State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in 1970, and President of the Cayuga County Dental Society; in 1975, he was elected President of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski was an active member of numerous professional societies and authored many essays and papers on oral and maxillofacial surgery and related topics; in 1964, he became a Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Hypnosis and in June 2002 he was awarded Diplomate status on the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology; and

WHEREAS, In November 1993, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski became the second American citizen to be knighted and made a member of the Knights of the Black Madonna at Jasna Gora; in 1982, he was elected Polish-American Man

of the Year for the Finger Lakes, as well as Man of the Year by the National Medical Dental Advocates Association; and

WHEREAS, Among his extensive community activities, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski served as Commissioner of the Auburn Housing Authority, a

member of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board of Fleet Bank, a member of the Board of Trustees of Cayuga Community College and President of the Cayuga County College Foundation; he also served on the Board of Trustees of both Alliance College and the University of New England; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski was awarded distinguished alumnus honors from the Indiana University School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, Married to the late Floryanna (Honey) Lesczynska, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski is the father of three sons and three daughters; and has 11 grandchildren and 20 nephews and nieces; he is a communicant and active member of St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski for his lifetime of dedicated outreach, support and contributions to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski.