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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dr. Garabed A. Fattal, 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, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal of Binghamton, New York died on Friday, April 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Aleppo, Syria, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal later received his medical training in Beirut, Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal was the first in his family to move to the United States, where he completed his training in Pathology; and

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

WHEREAS, After practicing Pathology in Canada for 10 years, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal warmly embraced his new community of Binghamton, New York, and found a stimulating, scientific environment as director of the laboratory at General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal played a pivotal role in the consolidation of the hospitals and served as the director of the laboratories at UHS for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Along with his position as director, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal embraced his relationships not only with his colleagues but with many of the staff in the hospital; his kind and gentle demeanor was appreciated and loved by those who worked with him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal had a strong passion for teaching, becoming intimately involved, both as an instructor and administrator,

at the SUNY HSC Clinical Campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Among his many roles and involvements, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal served for over 25 years on the admissions committee for Upstate Medical University; and

WHEREAS, After retirement, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal continued and enhanced his commitment to service; troubled by the plight of the uninsured, he created a clinic that served as a haven for quality health care for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, This clinic now proudly bears Dr. Garabed A. Fattal's name and will serve as a legacy to his commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal also had a passion for his Armenian heritage and was a proud member of St. Gregory's the Illuminator Armenian Church, serving on the parish council for many years; and

WHEREAS, One of Dr. Garabed A. Fattal's goals in life was to replant the forests in Armenia; he gifted many thousands of trees in honor of his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal was an avid traveler who traveled the world; he loved to sail, was passionate about skiing, and loved to bike, making the trek from Binghamton to Owego his weekly ritual; and

WHEREAS, He spoke five languages fluently and would often flow seamlessly from one to another in conversation with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal's biggest passion, however, was his love for family; he was immensely proud of his parents, siblings, nieces and nephews; his greatest joy and reason for living was his children and grandchildren, to whom he devoted his life; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his loving parents, Adballah and Marie Fattal, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal is survived by his children, Nora (Quintin) Gibbs, Dr. Peter (Karen) Fattal, and Corinne (Michael) Farrell as well as his

beloved 10 grandchildren, Erin and Brandon Gibbs, Alexander, Zachary, Ryan and Jessica Fattal, Haley, Taylor, Jamie and Remy Farrell; he is also survived by the mother of his children, Dr. Irma M. Fattal; his sisters and brothers, Anahid Laurice, Loucine, Avedis and Jean; and many special nieces and nephews; he also leaves behind his dear friend Ursula Findikyan and her family; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dr. Garabed A. Fattal 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 mourn the death of Dr. Garabed A. Fattal, 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. Garabed A. Fattal.