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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Robert M. Chur upon the occasion of his retirement after many dedicated years of service to ElderWood

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Robert M. Chur upon the occasion of his retirement after many dedicated years of service to ElderWood; and

WHEREAS, ElderWood is a leader among Western and Central New York's residential health care providers, reputed for its dedication to excellence, administrative integrity and sincere respect for individuals and families served by the organization; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining a philosophy of care without compromise, Elder-Wood Senior Care is comprised of ten skilled nursing facilities, six assisted living residences, and two independent living communities throughout Western and Central New York; more than 3,500 residents and patients receive care in ElderWood facilities each year; and WHEREAS, In addition, over 2,800 professionals are employed throughout the ElderWood organization, and 48% of its staff has been with the company for at least five years; its administrative headquarters is located in Williamsville, New York, and it manages a fully-staffed training center, in-house pharmacy, print shop and construction workshop in Amherst, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Chur is the President and Chief Executive Officer of ElderWood Senior Care; he has been involved in residential health care management services for more than 30 years; and WHEREAS, Active and involved in professional, community and not-for-profit endeavors, Robert M. Chur is the past chairman of the Board of

Directors of the New York State Health Facilities Association and a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Health Care Association; he was also appointed to the Continuing Care Retirement Community Council; and

WHEREAS, President of the Williamsville Rotary Club Foundation, Robert M. Chur is also a board member of the local Visiting Nurses Association and a member of the Daemen College Board of Directors; and WHEREAS, Under the superb leadership and direction of Robert M. Chur, ElderWood Senior Care actively supports the Alzheimer's Association, Coordinated Care of Western New York, the American Heart Association, the Arthritis Foundation, the American Lung Association and a number of other not-for-profit community and arts organizations; and WHEREAS, In honor of his 30 years of service to seniors, Robert M. Chur was named the 2004 Health Care Hero for Lifetime Achievement by BUSINESS FIRST; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Robert M. Chur has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Robert M. Chur has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Robert M. Chur; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Robert M. Chur upon the occasion of his retirement after many dedicated years of service to ElderWood; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert M. Chur.