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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending President and CEO David Patak upon the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to Lourdes Hospital

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend David Patak upon the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to Lourdes Hospital; he officially retired November 1, 2014, after more than five years as President and CEO; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Binghamton area, David Patak has worked in the healthcare field for almost 40 years; and

WHEREAS, He began his illustrious career with Lourdes Hospital in 1991, initially serving as Senior Vice President of Operations, then as the interim President and CEO; in March of 2009, he was named President and CEO; and

WHEREAS, David Patak has made numerous contributions to Lourdes Hospital such as leading it through a number of changes, including the opening of the Lourdes Ambulatory Care Center and the completion of a new medical office in Vestal, New York; and

WHEREAS, David Patak was also instrumental in overseeing Mission 2012: Building Tomorrow's Healthcare Today; this vital project proved Lourdes Hospital's enduring commitment to both its patients and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Lourdes Hospital is the proud partner of the Yes! Safe Choices for Kids program which is responsible for teaching

thousands of students how to make safe choices and stay away from drugs and alcohol; this vital program has been successful due to the guidance and support of David Patak; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, David Patak has enabled Lourdes Hospital to live up to its mission of providing high quality, patient centered, spiritually based healthcare to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, David Patak's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, David Patak continuously displayed initiative and an unrelenting commitment when pursuing the highest of goals, and he has served as a role model of leadership to be emulated by all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 commend David Patak upon the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to Lourdes Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Patak.