

## 2015-J1485

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. James H. Puleo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Medicine by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. James H. Puleo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Medicine by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 19th Annual Third Age Achievement Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 8, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions that area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives; Dr. James H. Puleo will receive this award for his valuable achievements and devoted healthcare service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James H. Puleo received his Bachelor of Science degree from Manhattan College prior to attending Albany Medical College where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree; and

WHEREAS, For over 43 years, Dr. James H. Puleo maintained a highly respected, professional practice in the Albany area, making countless contributions to enriching the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, From 1966 to 1968, Dr. James H. Puleo served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam Crisis, where he held the esteemed rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James H. Puleo was a member of the American College of

Physicians for many years before becoming a fellow of the college in 1991; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Dr. James H. Puleo was recognized as one of America's top physicians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, A man of numerous professional accomplishments, Dr. James H. Puleo served as Chief of Medicine at Memorial Hospital; for over 20 years, he was a member of the Memorial Hospital Medical Staff Executive Committee, and held the esteemed position of Chief of Staff for two separate terms; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community as well as his profession, Dr. James H. Puleo has served on several civic boards, sharing his insight, expertise, and influence including the Boards for the Leukemia Society, Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, Blue Cross Consortium, the Boys Club of Albany, and the Advisory Board of CDPHP; he was also Chairman of the Board for Christian Brothers Academy for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. James H. Puleo was instrumental in helping the Albany Medical Center Hospital committees raise over 21 million dollars for their renovations; and

WHEREAS, Among his tireless contributions, Dr. James H. Puleo maintains Board membership with the Senior Citizens Bureau, and serves as a standing committee member of the Senior Citizens Games; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals whose professional commitment and dedication enhance the excellence of health care in their community and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James H. Puleo was married to the late Evelyn Palitotta Puleo for 44 years, and together, they raised five children, Michele, Alicia, Stephanie, Jennifer, and James V.; six years ago, he married the former Lucille Salamida, who has three children, Raymond, Maria, and

Gregory; today, Dr. James and Lucille enjoy spending quality time with their many grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. James H. Puleo has served his patients with compassion and care; he has contributed to the maintenance and enhancement of the highest professional standards; sharing with others his knowledge and expertise, as well as his dedication and commitment to quality health care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. James H. Puleo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Medicine by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. James H. Puleo.