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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Pamela S. Brier upon the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to Maimonides Medical Center on January 27, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Pamela S. Brier upon the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to Maimonides Medical Center at their Annual Gala held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pamela S. Brier earned her bachelor's degree with honors from the University of California at Berkeley and her Master's degree in Health Administration from UCLA; she is also the recipient of two honorary doctorates, from Long Island University in 2007 and St. Francis College in 2014; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Pamela S. Brier joined the staff at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, a 711-bed teaching hospital which employs more than 6,000 people, holding the title of Chief Operating Officer; eight years later, she took on the esteemed role of President and Chief Executive Officer, a position from which she will officially retire in January of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her employment at Maimonides Medical Center, Pamela S. Brier served in successive leadership positions over 15 years at the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, as CFO, Executive VP and President of Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx, and as President and

CEO of Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Pamela S. Brier's tenure, Maimonides Medical Center has become the preeminent medical center in Brooklyn, providing world-class care to all, regardless of ability to pay; for two decades, she focused her career on expanding health care access to underserved populations, engaging entire communities in the process; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as leader of this vital health institution, Pamela S. Brier developed a consortium which began with 10 like-minded outside partners, and grew to include six hospitals, 350 community-based organizations and more than 2,400 physicians; together, they are dedicated to using health information technology tools to improve care for chronically ill individuals, including those with serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Funded partially through state grants and expanded through a competitive federal Innovation Award from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, this essential consortium serves as the foundation for one of the largest provider networks in New York State's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her stellar career, Pamela S. Brier has utilized a leadership approach which encourages broad-based thinking to advance local organizational change, with an emphasis on programs that can be replicated at other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Pamela S. Brier is recognized as an advocate for health care reform and quality improvement achieved through inter-disciplinary clinical and administrative teamwork, and for her belief that financial robustness is best accomplished by this organizational approach; and

WHEREAS, Under Pamela S. Brier's adept leadership at Maimonides Medical Center, the hospital has been at the forefront of integrating

health information technology (IT) into clinical care delivery, winning numerous awards for these achievements; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Maimonides Medical Center is nationally recog-

nized for excellence in the treatment of heart attack, heart failure, and stroke, and runs Brooklyn's first and only full-service Cancer Center; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Pamela S. Brier was instrumental in establishing the New York eHealth Collaborative, a statewide public-private partnership devoted to health IT adoption and information exchange, of which she has been Vice Chair since 2011; and

WHEREAS, Pamela S. Brier has demonstrated a commitment to local and statewide public policy development and advocacy on health care issues which affect low-income populations; in 2003, she was appointed by Mayor Bloomberg to serve on the New York City Board of Health, and since 2006, has been a member of the Board of the Fund for Public Health in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Pamela S. Brier was a mayoral appointee to the Workforce Development Board and the NYC Board of Corrections, and from 1993-2001, she served on the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council; for seven years, she served as the Board Chair of Housing Works, the largest community-based organization in the nation providing medical, social service and advocacy programs for people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, For her incredible dedication to the health care industry and her community, Pamela S. Brier was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; in 2015, she was once again named by CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS as one of the 50 most powerful women in New York City, and was inducted into the prestigious Crain's Hall of Fame, one of only seven men and women so honored; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious career, Pamela S. Brier has served Maimonides Medical Center with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked, Pamela S. Brier will be remembered for her honesty, integri-

ty, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; 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

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the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Pamela S. Brier upon the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to Maimonides Medical Center, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pamela S. Brier.