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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Kaka Dey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Kaka Dey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. which was celebrated at their Second Annual Fundraising Gala on September 19, 2015, at the Desmond Americana, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award has been bestowed upon Dr. Kaka Dey for his exceptional contributions to the field of HIV/AIDS research, antibiotics and anti-cancer drugs, as well as his continued active presence in the local community; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished academic, Dr. Kaka Dey earned his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Cape Coast; he then received his master's degree from the University of Ghana and his PhD from the University of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaka Dey has spent numerous hours studying the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and cytomegalovirus (CV) to help develop drugs to prevent the viral diseases; in 2001, his highly acclaimed research was awarded a patent; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Dr. Kaka Dey has developed new processes for manufacturing personal care products, pressure sensitive adhesives and protective coatings; and

WHEREAS, A man of many talents, Dr. Kaka Dey has taught at multiple

levels, and worked shortly for the mining industry analyzing gold and silver rock samples; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his profession, Dr. Kaka Dey has been a member of the Ghana Chemical Society, the American Chemical Society, and the Sigma XI Scientific Research Society; currently, this remarkable man holds the position of President of the Ghana Association of the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout is his wife, Joyce, and their two children, Eli and Yom, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; 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 honor Dr. Kaka Dey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Kaka Dey.