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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James R. Knickman, Ph. D., upon the occasion of his retirement after 10 years of distinguished service as Founding President and CEO of the New York State Health Foundation

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James R. Knickman, Ph. D., upon the occasion of his retirement after 10 years of distinguished service as Founding President and CEO of the New York State Health Foundation to be celebrated at a Retirement Event held in his honor on Monday, February 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, James R. Knickman earned his Bachelor's degree in both Sociology and Psychology from Fordham University and obtained his Ph. D. in Public Policy Analysis from the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, James R. Knickman became the founding President and CEO of the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHHealth), a foundation created by the Legislature committed to improving the health and welfare of all New Yorkers; today, this vital organization works to build healthy communities and empower health care consumers; and

WHEREAS, Under James R. Knickman's luminous direction, the Foundation has grown into a highly professional extraordinary organization which has maximized its limited resources to promote important advances in health policy, health care and public health; and

WHEREAS, James R. Knickman is a member of numerous boards and committees, including: the National Council on Aging, Philanthropy New York, Fordham College's Board of Visitors, the National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services, and Rutgers Center for State Health Policy; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, the Foundation was instrumental in implementing the Affordable Care Act, improving care for patients with diabetes, and attracting federal funds to support community health

centers and vulnerable veteran families; and

WHEREAS, After a decade of exceptional leadership and guidance, James R. Knickman will officially retire from his esteemed position on March 1, 2016; he will then return to his roots and join the faculty of New York University (NYU); and

WHEREAS, In this role, James R. Knickman will have a combined appointment in both NYU's Langone Medical Center Department of Population Health and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; in addition, he will serve as the Robert Derzon Chair in Health and Public Service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend James R. Knickman, Ph. D., upon the occasion of his retirement as Founding President and CEO of the New York State Health Foundation, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James R. Knickman, Ph. D.