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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending RotaCare upon the occasion of hosting its 22nd Annual Caregiver's Ball, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend RotaCare upon the occasion of hosting its 22nd Annual Caregiver's Ball, and paying tribute to this year's honorees to be celebrated on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at the Cherry Valley Country Club, Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 honorees include: Mr. Gerard C. Keegan, Dr. Victor F. Politi, and Dr. Drew Bogner, who each serve RotaCare in unique and invaluable ways; and

WHEREAS, Gerard C. Keegan, Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer for the Astoria Financial Corporation and Astoria Bank, is being honored with the Distinguished Leader Excellence Award for his support of RotaCare as they work to facilitate quality health care to those in need; under his leadership, Astoria Bank is committed to making a difference to build better communities, and this support furthers that mission; and WHEREAS, Victor F. Politi, MD, FACP, FACEP, President and Chief Executive Officer of the NuHealth System/Nassau University Medical Center is receiving the Distinguished Community Service Award for his leadership and support of RotaCare, offering private clinic space in the A. Holly Patterson Rehabilitation Center, which enables treatment of the most vulnerable patients to take place in a dignified and respectful atmos-

phere; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Drew Bogner, President of Molloy College, is receiving the Paul Harris Award for his personal and professional support of RotaCare; Molloy College continues to support RotaCare in many ways, including nursing faculty volunteers who provide primary care to those in need and business students who have worked through their senior capstone experience to support RotaCare in marketing and fundraising experiences; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable men have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, RotaCare is run entirely by a rotating staff of 100 volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, translators and administrative staff, who care for approximately 800 patients each year with a total of over 2,000 visits to their facility; and

WHEREAS, After 22 years, RotaCare, a non-profit organization, continues its mission to facilitate free health care for those who have the most need and the least access to medical care; this vital mission is accomplished by a dedicated volunteer staff and the financial contributions of organizations and individuals committed to making health care available to all in need; 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 commend RotaCare upon the occasion of hosting its 22nd Annual

Caregiver's Ball, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen Lamaute, Ed.D., FNP, President of the Board of

Directors for RotaCare, and the aforementioned honorees.