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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Eli Friedman, MD, MACP upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by SUNY Downstate Medical Center on April 9, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly commend those outstanding individuals within the State of New York whose lifelong dedication to medical research has resulted in groundbreaking discoveries which have improved the lives of those affected by the world's most devastating diseases; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Eli Friedman, MD, MACP upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by SUNY Downstate Medical Center at its Celebrate Downstate 2016 event on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at The Plaza Hotel, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eli Friedman is being honored for his outstanding achievements and commitment to humanitarian service which have advanced medicine and transformed lives locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, For over 130 years, SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, has strived to provide outstanding education of physicians, scientists, nurses and other healthcare professionals; advanced knowledge through cutting edge research and translated it into practice; cared for and improved the lives of its globally diverse communities; and fostered an environment which embraces cultural diversity; and WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Eli Friedman's exceptional contributions to the field of nephrology have advanced the quality of renal medicine within not only New York State, but throughout the Nation and across the globe; and WHEREAS, An internationally renowned Nephrologist, Dr. Friedman established the first hemodialysis facility in New York City at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in 1963; and WHEREAS, Today, this important medical pioneer, holds the position of Distinguished Teaching Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center; and WHEREAS, As a leader in his profession, Dr. Eli Friedman has proven himself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Eli Friedman, MD, MACP upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by SUNY Downstate Medical Center on April 9, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eli Friedman, MD, MACP.