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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jeffrey Kahn, MD, PhD upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by SUNY Downstate Medical Center on April 9, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed individuals and institutions within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the progress of medicine and the improvement of life; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jeffrey Kahn, MD, PhD 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. Jeffrey Kahn 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, Dr. Jeffrey S. Kahn earned his Bachelor's degree in Microbiology and Immunology from McGill University; he furthered his education by obtaining his Doctor of Medicine and a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology from the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey S. Kahn completed his internship, residency and chief residency in Pediatrics at Yale University and the Children's Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital; he stayed at Yale University to complete training in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and then joined the faculty at Yale University in the Department of Pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases; and

WHEREAS, Today, Dr. Jeffrey S. Kahn holds the esteemed position of Director of the Pediatric Infectious Disease and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center as well as the Director of Infectious Diseases at Children's Medical Center; in addition, this remarkable man serves as the Medical Director of Research at Children's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey S. Kahn's groundbreaking research efforts have been focused on human respiratory viruses, including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and new emerging human viruses; his laboratory was the first or among the first laboratories in the United States to describe the epidemiology and clinical manifestations of several newly identified viruses including human metapneumovirus, coronaviruses NL63 and HKU1, human bocavirus and polyomavirus WUV; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in his profession, Dr. Jeffrey Kahn 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 Jeffrey Kahn, MD, PhD 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 Jeffrey Kahn, MD, PhD.