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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Mark Josefski upon the occasion of being named 2016 Tulip Ball Honoree by the HealthAlliance Foundation

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Josefski has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Mark Josefski upon the occasion of his designation as 2016 Tulip Ball Honoree by the HealthAlliance Foundation, to be celebrated at its 27th Annual Tulip Ball held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Lazy Swan Golf & Country Club Village in Saugerties, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year the HealthAlliance Foundation of Kingston, New York proudly honors those individuals who have contributed to the well-being and vitality of their community at its Annual Tulip Ball; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Josefski has been named the 2016 Tulip Ball Honoree in recognition of his outstanding work as the attending physician at both the HealthAlliance Hospital and the Institute for Family Health, and for his dedication to serving his community; and

WHEREAS, A proud Kingston native, Mark Josefski earned his bachelor's degree from Colgate University, and traveled to Zaire with the Peace Corps; during his two years of volunteer service, he taught biology, chemistry, and physics and worked with missionary doctors; and

WHEREAS, After returning to the United States, Mark Josefski conducted epidemiology research at the Harvard School of Public Health, and enrolled in the Stony Brook University School of Medicine; he completed his training at the University of Wisconsin Family Medicine Residency

Program and returned to Kingston in 1989 to work at the Institute for Family Health; and

WHEREAS, In just a few years, Dr. Mark Josefski was promoted to Director of Student Training at the Institute for Family Health, and later rose to the esteemed position of Program Director of the Mid-Hudson Family Medicine Residency Program, a position he held until 2004, and again from 2007-2013; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Institute, this remarkable physician has further displayed his commitment to the medical community through his service as past President of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians, and as a former member of the Foundation's Board of Directors; he currently serves as Vice President of Medical Staff on the HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley's Board; and

WHEREAS, For the past two decades, Dr. Mark Josefski has been a committed educator, serving as Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Josefski has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he was an original physician with the O+ Positive Festival, and serves as a sideline physician for the Kingston Consolidated Schools system, as well as a Kingston Library board member and tenor with the local singing group Ars Choralis; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Dr. Mark Josefski is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and was presented with the 1988 Mead Johnson Award for Graduate Education in

Family Practice; he also received both the 1995 Student Teacher Award and the 2002 Resident Teaching Award from the Mid-Hudson Family Health Institute; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Karen Levine, and their daughter, Alix, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Mark Josefski has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Mark Josefski upon the occasion of his designation as 2016 Tulip Ball Honoree by the HealthAlliance Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Mark Josefski.