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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard J. Herrick upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of New York State Health Facilities Association, Inc. after 14 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Richard J. Herrick upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of New York State Health Facilities Association, Inc. after 14 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Richard Herrick is the President and CEO of the New York State Health Facilities Association, Inc. (NYSHFA) and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL) statewide, health care membership organizations representing over 350 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities; he will retire from this esteemed position in 2016; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Richard J. Herrick was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Richard J. Herrick, the organization's membership is diversified and represents individual and multi-facility operations of proprietary, voluntary and government sponsorship; members care for approximately 70,000 New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Since joining NYSHFA in April of 2002, Richard J. Herrick has served on several State advisory groups including being invited to participate on the New York State's Department of Health's Long Term Care Restructuring Initiative Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, At the national level, Richard J. Herrick serves on the Board of Governors of the American Health Care Association and on their Business Management Committee; he also serves as President of the American Society of Health Care Association Executives and on the National Center for Assisted Living's Senior Living Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Richard J. Herrick is a past member of AHCA's Council of States and Board of Directors of the National Center for Assisted Living; and

WHEREAS, A frequently requested speaker on long term care issues at the state and national level, Richard J. Herrick has spoken at the request of the New York State Commissioner of Health as part of a panel discussion on "Capital Formation for Health Care of the Future"; has been a panelist for a Post-Acute Care Roundtable; and is a frequent featured speaker at the National Investment Center for the Seniors Housing and Care Industry Conferences; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard J. Herrick has spoken for the New York State Bar Association, the Berger Commission and at the National Medicaid and Medicare Leadership Conference as well as countless other long term care panel discussions; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining New York State Health Facilities Association, Inc., Richard J. Herrick spent seven years as the President and COO of Wingate Health Care, Inc., which operates seven nursing facilities in Massachusetts and three in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Herrick has also served as Executive Vice President of the Ivey Companies, which operate three nursing facilities and a pharmacy in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President and CEO of New York State Health Facilities Association, Inc., Richard J. Herrick served with loyalty,

honor and distinction, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blend-

ing of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Richard J. Herrick over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard J. Herrick upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of New York State Health Facilities Association, Inc. after 14 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard J. Herrick.