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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chandler M. Ralph upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Edward L. Trudeau Award by the Adirondack Health Foundation on July 9, 2016

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 Chandler M. Ralph upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Edward L. Trudeau Award by the Adirondack Health Foundation, to be celebrated at its Diamonds and Denim Gala on Saturday, July 9, 2016, in Lake Placid, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 21 years, Chandler M. Ralph has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Adirondack Health; and

WHEREAS, After a stellar career in the field of health care that spanned more than two decades, Chandler M. Ralph's continued thoughts, words and actions give unparalleled testament to a life dedicated to the service industry; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, Chandler M. Ralph has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Adirondack Health in the Saranac Lake/Lake Placid area; she has spent countless hours dedicating herself to the continued success of this prestigious health care provider that boasts two hospital sites, two nursing homes, and three primary care outreach clinics; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Chandler M. Ralph, Adirondack Health focuses on bringing appropriate clinical services to the Tri-Lakes area of the Adirondacks, and providing regional services of excellence including orthopedics, bariatric surgery, and psycho-geriatric

services; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to quality patient care and service, Chandler M. Ralph has been instrumental in making a difference in the lives of countless patients; and

WHEREAS, Chandler M. Ralph earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering in 1975, as well as a Master of Management and Industrial Engineering degree in 1981, both from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, by 1985, RPI bestowed yet another degree upon her in the form of a Master of Business Administration in Health Systems; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious career, Chandler M. Ralph has worked as Vice President for Operations and Planning at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, New York; was a Senior Manager with the Health Care Operations Consulting Group for Ernst & Young in New York City; and served as President and Chief Executive Officer for Mercy Center for Health Services at Mercy Hospital in Watertown, New York, prior to assuming her role at Adirondack Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Along with her academic success and prolific career, Chandler M. Ralph has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Athena Award by the Greater Watertown Chamber of Commerce, the New York State Woman of Distinction Award, the Friends of Mercy Award, HANYS Innovation Award for Uninsured Task Force, ACHE Regents Award and the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Chandler M. Ralph has served such organizations as St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, Saranac Lake Rotary Club, Adirondack Economic Development Corporation, and the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, Chandler M. Ralph has also served the American Hospital Association, American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), ACHE Regent's Advisory Committee, Northeastern New York Health-

care Association, Federation of American Health Systems, Adirondack Health Institute, New York State Medicaid Redesign Task Force, and the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, A very prominent and highly respected woman, Chandler M. Ralph is the Founding Chair of the Helena Ptochia Foundation whose mission is to raise capital and operational funds to build and operate a hospital for women injured in childbirth in Ghana, West Africa; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as President and Chief Executive Officer, Chandler M. Ralph served with loyalty, honor and distinction earning her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her loving husband, David Aldrich, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Chandler M. Ralph over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Chandler M. Ralph upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Edward L. Trudeau Award by the Adirondack Health Foundation on July 9, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chandler M. Ralph.