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Senate Resolution No. 505

BY: Senator DEFRANCISCO

HONORING Dr. John McCabe for his dedicated
commitment and loyal service to Upstate University
Hospital

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens within our midst, who have devoted themselves to improving the health and well-being of the citizens of their communities; and

WHEREAS, It also is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of such esteemed individuals of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, deserve the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. John McCabe for his decades of service to Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, New York, and to improving the health and well-being of the citizens of Central New York and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John McCabe, a current resident of Cazenovia, New York, received his medical degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) Upstate Medical University in 1979; subsequently, he completed his residency at Wright State University School of Medicine in 1982; and

WHEREAS, When Dr. John McCabe returned to Upstate University Hospital in 1987, he began as an emergency room doctor and was the only residency-trained emergency medicine physician within a 250-mile radius of the City of Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, After serving in various leadership roles at Upstate University Hospital and SUNY Upstate Medical University, Dr. John McCabe was eventually named in 2009 to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Upstate University Hospital and Senior Vice President for Clinical Affairs; and

WHEREAS, As CEO, Dr. John McCabe oversaw the entire operation of the hospital sites and had ultimate administrative responsibility for the hospital and its ambulatory locations; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as CEO, Dr. John McCabe directed multiple changes and improvements at the hospital, including Upstate's acquisition of Community General Hospital, the opening of the Golisano Children's Hospital, the hospital's East Tower expansion, and the opening of the Upstate Cancer Center, as well as the launch of an electronic medical record system, which now allows patients to access their medical records from smart phones, tablets and home computers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John McCabe will voluntarily leave the position of CEO of Upstate University Hospital on January 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, In his 23-year history at Upstate University Hospital, Dr.

John McCabe also developed an emergency medicine residency training program and oversaw the expansion of the hospital's emergency room, among other accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Besides his regional impact, Dr. John McCabe has and continues to be a leader at the national level, serving as chair of the board of directors of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the organization that oversees the certification of physician specialists in the United States; he is also a member of American College of Physician Executives, the American Medical Association, and the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated professionals, who devote their lives to the health and well-being of a society, are worthy of the praise of the State of New York for their commitment and immeasurable contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. John McCabe for his decades of service to Upstate University Hospital, and to improving the health and well-being of the citizens of Central New York and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be hereby transmitted to Dr. John McCabe.