

## 2017-K72

Assembly Resolution No. 72

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COMMENDING Stuart S. Friedman upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Suffolk County Medical Society

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 commend Stuart S. Friedman upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Suffolk County Medical Society, to be celebrated with a Retirement Dinner in his honor on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at the Wind Watch Golf Club, Hauppauge, New York; and

WHEREAS, For more than 25 years, Stuart S. Friedman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Suffolk County Medical Society; he will officially retire on February 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Stu, Stuart S. Friedman received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Hofstra University and went on to earn his Master's degree in Health Care Administration

from CW Post; and

WHEREAS, Early on in his career, Stuart S. Friedman worked for Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield as a Relationship Representative and Institutional Representative before moving on to the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) where he served as the Associate Director in the Division of Socio-Medical Economics; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1991, Stuart S. Friedman left MSSNY to become the Executive Director of the Suffolk County Medical Society; during his tenure, he was instrumental in the Society becoming the premier professional society for physicians in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering dedication to the Suffolk County Medical Society, Stuart S. Friedman gave more than two decades of his time and energies to achieving the best results for the physicians within Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Stuart S. Friedman, the Suffolk County Medical Society became the first in New York State to establish institutional membership for hospital medical staff, setting the protocol for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the membership of the Suffolk County Medical Society blossomed to more than 1,650 physicians with four hospitals in Suffolk County participating in its institutional membership; and

WHEREAS, Stuart S. Friedman also initiated the legislative breakfast for Suffolk County legislators where twice a year, legislators and

physicians engage in discussions on healthcare issues facing patients and physicians alike; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Executive Director, Stuart S. Friedman served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 49 years, Maryse, and their two sons, Justin (Amy) and Scott (Janine), as well as four grandchildren, Leyna, Noah, Benjamin and Jack, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Stuart S. Friedman upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Suffolk County Medical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stuart S. Friedman.