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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andrew J. Kolodny, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Brooklyn Housing and Family Services at its Awards Dinner on June 16, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew J. Kolodny, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Maimonides Medical Center, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Brooklyn Housing and Family Services to be celebrated at its Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at Brooklyn's Rex Manor; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Kolodny joined the Maimonides Medical Center Department of Psychiatry in December of 2005, as the Vice Chair for Clinical Services; in January of 2009, he was promoted to Chairman of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Kolodny believes that caring for patients with mental illnesses and substance use disorders includes a responsibility to advocate on their behalf; with a longstanding interest in public health and community psychiatry, he was previously the Medical Director for Special Projects in the Office of the Executive Deputy Commissioner for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Kolodny was instrumental in developing and implementing multiple programs to improve the health of New Yorkers as well as save lives, some of which include citywide buprenorphine programs, emergency room-based screening, and referral programs for drug and alcohol misuse; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Andrew J. Kolodny has authored publications

aimed at improving the ability of primary care physicians to recognize and treat depression and substance use disorders and has helped train hundreds of clinicians about buprenorphine treatment of opioid dependence; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Andrew J. Kolodny is on the Board of Governors of the Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers, New York State's second largest medical malpractice insurer; he is a former President of the American Association of Psychiatric Administrators New York Regional Chapter and former Chairman of the American Psychiatric Association New York County District Branch Public Psychiatry Committee; in addition, he is a past recipient of the Daniel X. Freedman Congressional Health Policy Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession merit the highest commendation and the recognition and appreciation of those who have benefited from their service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andrew J. Kolodny, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Brooklyn Housing and Family Services at its Awards Dinner on June 16, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew J. Kolodny, M.D.