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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Linda M. Farchione, President and CEO, upon the occasion of her retirement from Thompson Health

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Linda M. Farchione, President and CEO of Thompson Health, of Canandaigua, New York, upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of dedicated and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Linda Farchione will be honored for her significant contributions to Thompson Health at a Retirement Celebration to be held at the Bristol Harbour Resort in Canandaigua on Friday, July 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Thompson Health is a leading-edge healthcare organization which provides a wide range of services for thousands of Finger Lakes residents; over the past 26 years Linda Farchione has come to represent Thompson Health; and

WHEREAS, Born at F.F. Thompson Hospital, Linda Farchione, a Canandaigua Academy Graduate of Distinction, worked as a Registered Nurse in Boston and the Midwest prior to heading a revolutionary mental health program at Rochester, New York's Genesee Hospital; she returned to her roots in 1986, becoming Thompson Hospital's Vice President of Nursing; five years later, she was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the entire Thompson Health system and has ably led the system ever since; and

WHEREAS, From shepherding Thompson Health system expansions, to advocating in Albany and Washington for legislative support of quality health care, to marching in the Thompson contingent of Canandaigua's annual Memorial Day parade, Linda Farchione has been a constant and

welcome presence, earning her well-deserved reputation as a woman whose exceptional vision helped Thompson Health surmount a multitude of challenges posed by both the economy and a changing healthcare landscape; and

WHEREAS, Linda Farchione has cultivated at Thompson Health a culture of excellence and caring in which, even though Thompson Health has grown, it still feels like family and which, even though it continues building the technology, has not lost sight of its core values; and

WHEREAS, She has developed at Thompson Health a staff of talented individuals whose dedication to Thompson mirrors her own, who will ensure continued growth and innovation well into the future and who, together with Thompson Health's culture of caring, will be her lasting legacy; and

WHEREAS, Her colleagues describe Linda Farchione as that rare breed of CEO who will hand-deliver ice cream cones to thank Associates for their hard work, or warmly greet them with hugs at the holiday party and, a believer in the power of a positive attitude, she worked with other executives and board members early on to create a corporate culture centered on Commitment, Action, Respect, Excellence and Service (CARES); and

WHEREAS, Thompson Health's CARES values are the fabric of the organization; Thompson Health is Ontario County's largest employer and, as such, everyone who comes through its doors is somebody's mother, child or best friend and Linda Farchione wants them to leave with a feeling of having been nurtured, cared for and understood; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the nearly three decades of her remarkable career at Thompson Health, Linda Farchione spearheaded many initiatives and a continuum of care unique to a community such as Canandaigua including

the 113-bed hospital which expanded into a state-of-the-art Emergency and Diagnostic imaging facility in 2005, followed by the soon to be completed Constellation Center for Health and Healing; the 188-bed M.M.

Ewing Continuing Care Center, which over the past 20 years added 80 beds and became known as a leader in dementia care, long-term care and post-hospital care; The Brighter Day, a medical adult day program which marked its 20th anniversary in 2010; the independent and enriched senior living communities of Ferris Hills at West Lake and Clark Meadows; and the Sands Cancer Center, which opened in 2000, thanks to a partnership with Highland Hospital and Interlakes Oncology and Hematology; and WHEREAS, The Thompson Health continuum also includes the Urgent Care Center in Farmington, which expanded and added digital X-ray services in 2009; the addition of family practices in Victor, Canandaigua, Shortsville, Honeoye and Lima; the Thompson Clinic at CClA, located in the original hospital on North Main Street and serving the uninsured and underinsured through a collaboration with Canandaigua Churches in Action; and The Healthworks occupational medicine program; and WHEREAS, Linda M. Farchione has fittingly been honored many times for her contributions and service to her community; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Linda M. Farchione, President and CEO of Thompson Health, of Canandaigua, New York, upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of dedicated and distinguished service; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda M. Farchione.