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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Israel Jacobowitz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Physician of the Year Award by the Aleh Foundation

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Israel Jacobowitz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Physician of the Year Award by the Aleh Foundation, to be celebrated at its 29th Anniversary Awards Dinner Ceremony on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Israel Jacobowitz is a cardiothoracic surgeon and co-Director of the Atrial Fibrillation Center at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York; he completed his residency at New York University Medical Center, as well as his fellowship at Buffalo Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacobowitz has been one of the leading figures in cardiac surgery in New York State for more than 30 years; he has been the foundation of the Maimonides Medical Center Cardiac Surgery program since he first joined the staff in 1982, and served for many years as chief of cardiothoracic surgery; in addition, he has an enormous experience in all aspects of cardiac surgery, including valve repair and valve replacement, aortic root surgery, left ventricular reconstruction for heart failure, and coronary artery surgery; and

WHEREAS, Publishing extensively and continually active in research, Dr. Jacobowitz has been one of the leading pioneers internationally in "beating heart surgery" (off-pump coronary artery bypass - OPCAB), having performed thousands of these operations; with the advance of new

technology in 1997, he became the leading figure in OPCAB in the Northeast; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacobowitz is a fellow of both the American College of Cardiology and the American College of Surgeons; he is a member of the Academy of Surgical Research, the American Heart Association Council on Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Society of Artificial Organs, the Association for Academic Surgery, the Brooklyn Surgical Society, the International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery, Kings County Medical Society, the New York Cardiological Society, the New York Society for Thoracic Surgery, the New York Surgical Society, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the Spencer Surgical Society; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Dr. Israel Jacobowitz's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Israel Jacobowitz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Physician of the Year Award by the Aleh Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Israel Jacobowitz.