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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Valley Health Services for earning a five-star rating in the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S annual Best Nursing Homes report

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Valley Health Services for earning a five-star rating in the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S annual Best Nursing Homes report; and

WHEREAS, Located in Herkimer, New York, Valley Health Services (VHS) is noted for recognizing and then addressing the unmet healthcare needs of the Herkimer County community; and

WHEREAS, Released at the end of February 2013, this special report recognizes top-rated nursing homes in all 50 states; the US NEWS'S evaluation of nursing homes is used on data from Nursing Home Compare, a consumer website run by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and

WHEREAS, The government agency sets and enforces standards for nursing homes; facilities earn an overall rating of one to five stars, as well as up to five stars in each of the three following categories: health inspections, nursing and physical therapy staff and quality of care; there are 126 nursing homes in central New York, five of which received an overall rating of five stars; and

WHEREAS, This places VHS in the top four percent of Central New York nursing homes, the top eighteen percent statewide, and the top nineteen

percent nationally; and

WHEREAS, The success of VHS is in direct correlation to the efforts of its administration and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize VHS, for its unwavering commitment to the citizens of Herkimer County, as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative community service; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Valley Health Services for earning a five-star rating in the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S annual Best Nursing Homes report; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lisa Betrus, CEO/Administrator, Valley Health Services.