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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Esther Clouse Rappold, R.N., for 60 years of distinguished service to the Albany Memorial Hospital

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to individuals who devote their purposeful lives to serving others, expressing its highest regard and admiration for their skill and courageous dedication to protecting and caring for the residents of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Esther Clouse Rappold, R.N., for 60 years of distinguished service to the Albany Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Esther Clouse Rappold, 80, has been walking the corridors and manning the beds at Albany Memorial's various locations for 60 years; she was at work one day when she was surprised by family, along with present and past colleagues who gathered to honor her dedication; and WHEREAS, Esther Clouse Rappold has six decades of service in a single career; while no longer a full-time employee, she still works two days a week; and

WHEREAS, Now the clinical resources management assistant for the facility, charged with reducing the number of re-admitted patients, Esther Clouse Rappold began her career on May 19, 1953; a graduate of the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, she was initially an operating room nurse when the hospital was located on North Pearl Street downtown; she entered the field during a time when there was a marked shortage of nurses, but it was not for that reason that she has continued in the field; and

WHEREAS, Esther Clouse Rappold's first hospital experiences were in the operating room, where she participated in procedures from a bygone

era, in a time before cardiac monitors, computers, or hip replacements; she would witness the technological and advances in knowledge through the years as she moved into a supervisory position at the emergency department as well as, later, a similar position with the medical-surgical units; and

WHEREAS, After six decades, Rappold now holds the record for the longest continuous service at Albany Memorial and within the four hospital system comprising St. Peter's Health Partners; there are 900 staff employed at Albany Memorial and 12,500 people employed with SPHP; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to its attention, they richly merit the appreciation and support of a grateful community and 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 Esther Clouse Rappold, R.N., for 60 years of distinguished service to the Albany Memorial Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Esther Clouse Rappold.