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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Steven Goodman for his dedicated service to New York State as the Executive Vice President and CEO of the Samuel Field YM & YWHA

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge significant milestones in the distinguished lives and careers of esteemed residents of this Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Steven Goodman for his dedicated service to New York State as the Executive Vice President and CEO of the Samuel Field YM & YWHA, a position he has held with distinction since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goodman's legacy of excellence in leadership and education started when he was just 16 years old and began working at the Y as a day camp counselor; rising through the ranks, he was instrumental in building the organization he loved into one of exemplary service to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Samuel Field Y, known as "The Everybody Place," is a non-profit, multi-service agency which has grown to include flagship sites in Little Neck, Bayside, Forest Hills, and 33 additional sites throughout the community that provide a diverse array of programs and services to over 35,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Steve Goodman embodies the core element of the Y's mission - enhancing the quality of individual, family and communal life through service to people of all ages, ability levels, stages of life and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as leader of the Samuel Field Y, the organization's budget tripled and the agency started many new programs not available through other agencies to include seniors, people with Alzheimer's, and children with autism and developmental disabilities;

and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goodman grew up in Flushing, graduated from Queens College and is a holder of a doctorate degree in Educational Administration and Research from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goodman has dedicated his life to serving people as a Program Development Consultant for the New York City Board of Education, a member of the Chancellor's Task Force for Model Schools of Excellence Program, a member of the New York State Board of Regents Task Force for More Effective Schools, a teacher at UJA-Federation's Wiener Center, a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Region of Jewish Center Professionals, a member of the Youth Services committees of Queens Community Boards 7 and 11, and as President of Temple Sinai in Roslyn; and

WHEREAS, Steve Goodman has been honored for excellence in education by receiving the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America Award; Educator of the Year, Community District 5; the Chancellor's Citation for Education Innovation from the New York City Board of Education; the Distinguished Service Award from the Samuel Field YM & YWHA; and the Meritorious Service Award from the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, After a career of service to the Queens community, Dr. Steve Goodman is retiring from his leadership role at the Samuel Field Y but has accepted a position as a special consultant and will help the agency continue its legacy of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goodman will use his retirement to spend more time with his wife, Sherry; daughter, Rebecca; son, Seth; and grandson, Jack; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 honor Dr. Steven Goodman for his dedicated service to New York State as

the Executive Vice President and CEO of the Samuel Field YM & YWHA; and
be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Steven Goodman, and to the Samuel Field YM & YWHA.