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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Steven Goodman upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 50 years of distinguished service to the Samuel Field YMCA

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Steven Goodman upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 50 years of distinguished service to the Samuel Field YMCA in Little Neck, Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, For almost half a century, Dr. Steven Goodman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Samuel Field YMCA, working in numerous roles over the course of his long and productive tenure; and

WHEREAS, Steven Goodman grew up in Flushing, New York, later moving to Bayside; he started working at the Samuel Field YMCA as a day camp counselor at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for promoting the comprehensive well-being of youth and the vulnerable in his community, Steven Goodman graduated from Queens College with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1968, and earned his doctoral degree from Columbia's Teachers College in 1977; throughout, he remained with the Samuel Field YMCA, rising through the ranks over the years to eventually become its Associate Director in 1991, and then Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in 1995; and

WHEREAS, In his 18-year capacity as Executive Vice President and CEO, Dr. Steven Goodman led the Samuel Field YMCA with vision, honor and

distinction; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, the organization's budget nearly tripled; in addition, the Samuel Field YMCA started a variety of innovative programs for people with limited options for services: seniors, individuals living with Alzheimer's disease, and children living with autism and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Today the Samuel Field YMCA serves more than 30,000 people per year via in-house activities and at more than 25 off-site programs; this sparkling agency, due in large measure to the outstanding leadership and skill of Dr. Steven Goodman, provides a wide range of services to the Queens community including after-school day care, camps, job training services and physical education; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Dr. Steven Goodman, who is also an adjunct professor at C.W. Post in Brookville, New York, looks forward to spending time with his wife, Sheri, their children, Seth and Rebecca, and their grandson Jack; he will also continue to serve as a special consultant to the organization he already served so well; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Dr. Steven Goodman upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 50 years of distinguished service to the Samuel Field YMCA; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Steven Goodman.