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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center, to be presented at its 6th Annual Community Service Award Dinner on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, The North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center's Community Service Award annually honors a person who has dedicated their life to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her lengthy and meritorious medical career, as well as through her considerable volunteer efforts, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal has positively impacted the lives of countless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Born in Mumbai, India, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal graduated from Bombay University, and moved to England for post graduate work and residencies; she was a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons with a specialty in Ob/Gyn, and worked in London for eight years as a senior resident before returning to India, and working for eight years in mission hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal eventually settled in the United States, and has been a resident of New Hartford, New York, for forty-three years; she was on the staff of the Marcy Psychiatric Center, the Utica Psychiatric Center, and then at the merged Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center where, as Chief of Medicine/Surgical Services she was responsible for establishing a new system; she retired from this post after twenty-four illustrious years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to many civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, After her retirement, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal continued to draw on her prodigious skills as a medical professional and administrator; she established the Barbara Ginter Medical Clinic to serve poor and uninsured patients; staffed by volunteer doctors and nurses, the clinic remained open for six years, helping many adults and children in the City of Utica; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal was a founding member of the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR) on the SUNY IT campus, and was active on its board for fifteen years; she was also deeply involved with the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees for more than twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal's substantial contributions to society have earned her numerous accolades and awards, including: the Central New York Academy of Medicine Scroll Award; the YWCA Outstanding Woman Award; New York State Senior Citizens Award; and the American Institute for Public Service Jefferson Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, Dr. Jehengir Kotwal, who feels privileged to be a part of her life, and rejoices in

her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Maneck J. Kotwal.