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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 183rd Anniversary of the Kings County Hospital Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those organizations of long-standing concerned commitment who have faithfully served in the delivery of medical services to the citizens 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 commemorate the 183rd Anniversary of the Kings County Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, Kings County Hospital Center was founded 183 years ago, when Brooklyn was its own city and construction of the Brooklyn Bridge would not begin for almost 40 years; over the decades, Kings County has claimed many firsts in the field of medicine, including: the site of the first open-heart surgery performed in New York State; Kings County physicians invented the world's first hemodialysis machine; conducted the first studies of HIV infection in women; and produced the first human images using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); in addition, Kings County was named the first Level 1 Trauma Center in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kings County remains staunchly committed to patient-centered care and is mid-way through a large rebuilding and modernization that is the largest in Kings County Hospital Center's history; the project was launched in 1997 and was completed in 2009; and

WHEREAS, An ongoing affiliation agreement between Kings County Hospital Center and SUNY-Downstate Medical School enhances the clinical, as well as the academic activities of both institutions; and

WHEREAS, Kings County Hospital Center continues to grow and strengthen its ability to deliver high quality comprehensive health care into the

future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 183rd Anniversary of the Kings County Hospital Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Kings County Hospital Center.