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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Highland Hospital on April 10, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those hospitals within the State of New York which provide outstanding medical care and vital services to meet the healthcare needs of their patients; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate 125th Anniversary of Highland Hospital, to be celebrated on April 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, This illustrious institution's roots date back to 1889, when the hospital on the hill overlooking beautiful Highland Park first opened its doors as one of the first homeopathic hospitals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hahnemann Homeopathic Hospital, as it was first known as, started with 20 beds and only six physicians; it has since grown to become a 261-bed facility offering tertiary care; its medical staff now totals 1200 faculty and community physicians, as well as approximately 2600 employees; and

WHEREAS, Highland Hospital is the regional leader in specialty services such as bariatric surgery, orthopedics, women's services, radiation oncology, cardiology, neurology, and many more; they lead the state in the number of minimally invasive gynecologic surgeries, and deliver more babies than any other hospital in the Rochester area; and

WHEREAS, During its long and distinguished history, Highland Hospital has many notable achievements; it was the first hospital in the United States to establish a clinical chemical laboratory; furthermore it was also the first in the nation to use endocavitary radiation as an alter-

native to colostomy surgery; and

WHEREAS, In 1921, Highland Hospital became the first facility to use insulin in the treatment of diabetes when Dr. John Williams administered a life-saving injection to the son of the Chief Legal Council for Kodak; and

WHEREAS, In its dedicated service to the health of its patients, Highland Hospital held the first family medicine training program in New York State; it is also proud to be the first hospital in the Rochester area to ban smoking indoors and allow expecting fathers into the delivery room; and

WHEREAS, One aspect which makes this medical center so unique is its warm, caring environment; the culture is rooted in the Highland Promise, the hospital's commitment to service and operational excellence which places patients and their families at the heart of all they do; and

WHEREAS, This tremendous milestone would not be possible without the support of a great community and the numerous contributions of its highly talented professionals who have worked to fulfill Highland Hospital's commitment to excellence in health care; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their staff and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Highland Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Highland Hospital.