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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. William F. Streck upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service as President and CEO of Bassett Healthcare Network on July 1, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past three decades, Dr. William F. Streck rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Bassett Healthcare Network; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2014, Dr. William F. Streck, one of the longest serving health system executives in New York State and the Country will retire, capping a highly successful career as President and CEO of the Bassett Healthcare Network and a recognized leader and innovator in health care design, delivery and policy; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President and CEO, Dr. William F. Streck served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Over a 30 year period, Dr. William F. Streck successfully developed what was once a single hospital in Cooperstown, New York, with 70 physicians into an integrated health care delivery system employing over 400 providers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, today the Bassett system serves nine counties across 5,600 square miles, handles over 700,000 outpatient visits a year, and employs 4,300 people; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Dr. William F. Streck, the Bassett Healthcare Network, a major economic engine for the Region, is recognized as one of the top 100 most integrated health systems in the

Nation and a leader in rural health care delivery; and

WHEREAS, From 1984 through 2014, Dr. William F. Streck artfully maneuvered Bassett's growth, strategically expanding access to community-based primary and specialty care as well as acute care at affiliated hospitals in upstate New York; his keen understanding of health system strategy and health policy helped create a sustainable business model that has evolved with the changing health care environment; and

WHEREAS, One of Dr. William F. Streck's first acts as CEO in the mid-1980s was to organize a rural health issues conference which resulted in the creation of the New York State Rural Health Council on which he continues to serve; his leadership and health policy insights led to his appointment to the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council in 1990; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he became a Chairman of the state's Public Health Council in 1992, and in 2010, when the state consolidated the Hospital Review and Planning Council with the Public Health Council to form the Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC), Dr. Streck was chosen as its leader where he remains chairman today; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer and active within his community, Dr. William F. Streck has served on the boards of Hartwick College and New York Central Mutual Insurance; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Bassett Healthcare Network, Dr. William F. Streck earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Karen, and their four beautiful children, Patrick, Sarah, Kate and Molly, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in his profession, Dr. William F. Streck has proven himself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Dr. William F. Streck over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. William F. Streck upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service as President and CEO of Bassett Healthcare Network; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. William F. Streck.