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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Robert J. Paeglow upon the occasion of his induction into the Bishop Maginn High School Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumnus on May 2, 2014

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Robert J. Paeglow upon the occasion of his induction into the Bishop Maginn High School Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumnus, to be celebrated at its Induction Dinner on Friday, May 2, 2014, at Shaker Ridge Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1972 graduate of Cardinal McCloskey Memorial High School, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow received a Regents Scholarship which enabled him to live at home and attend a local university free of charge; he graduated from The University at Albany and began a job with the Albany County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow began work in the Radiation Safety Office at Albany Medical Center; he taught himself Radiation Physics and gradually improved his position to a level of teaching Radiation Physics in the Board Preparation Course for Radiology Residents; and

WHEREAS, Accepted into the Albany Medical College program in 1990, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow was a member of the Medical College Honor Society, Alpha Omega Alpha, and was president of his class for three years; he graduated Cum Laude with numerous awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, as a fourth year student at Albany Medical College, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow led a small team into post-war Mozambique, Africa to provide basic medical care to refugees of the war; since this first medical mission, and now as a Board Certified Family Physician, he has led 28 medical missions involving dozens of medical students, while caring for more than 100,000 patients in the mission field; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to give back to his childhood neighborhood, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow co-founded the Koinonia Primary Care/Mental Health Practices in 2000; located at the Capital Region Prayer and Healing Center, Koinonia opened in February of 2002 and provides primary and mental health care to the poor in the West Hill community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow serves as an Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Albany Medical College, and is an Associate Pre-Doctoral Director of the Albany Medical College Department of Family and Community Medicine; he has been the Keynote Speaker for the Siena College/Albany Medical College Program Senior Seminar for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow has received both local and national recognition for his work with the underserved, including his receiving The Association of American Medical Colleges' Humanism in Medicine Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, on April 1, 2009, Dr. Robert J. Paeglow was honored as the recipient of The 2009 Jefferson Award for Public Service

in the Capital District of New York State, which annually recognizes an individual providing exemplary contributions to community and public service; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and in the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; 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 Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Robert J. Paeglow upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Bishop Maginn High School Alumni Association; and be it further

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