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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Russell E. Newkirk 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. Russell E. Newkirk 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 1967 graduate of Vincentian Institute, Dr. Russell E. Newkirk was a member of The National Honor Society and received Varsity letters for track and field, as well as tennis; he went on to graduate from Hamilton College in 1971 where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Russell E. Newkirk received his medical degree from McGill University in 1975 and completed his internship in 1976 at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Dartmouth; he completed his residency from 1977 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, Receiving his Board Certification in Anatomic and Clinical

Pathology in 1980, Dr. Russell E. Newkirk began work at his Pathology practice in St. Peter's Hospital; in 1989, he was named Chief of Pathology at St. Peter's Hospital, and remained in this esteemed position until 2012; in addition, he was the President at Maplewood Pathology, P.C. from 1987 until 2012; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Dr. Russell E. Newkirk was honored as St. Peter's Hospital Physician of the Year; throughout his illustrious career, he has worked as a physician volunteer with Global Health Ministry, during which time he made medic missions to Peru, Guatemala and Haiti; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, he has been a physician volunteer for the Capital District Rescue Mission from 2005 to present, and is past President of the Capital District Masters Hockey League; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his children, Ben, Russell, Richard and Tristan, his twin sister, Bonnie, and his four brothers, Ray, Tom, Pete and Bob, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 career 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. Russell E. Newkirk upon the occasion of his induction into the Bishop Maginn High School Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumnus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Russell E. Newkirk.