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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Harriet Burris upon the occasion of her retirement from River Hospital

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Harriet Burris upon the occasion of her retirement from River Hospital; and WHEREAS, The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Burtch, Dr. Harriet Burris graduated from Alexandria Central School in 1967; and WHEREAS, Upon her graduation from high school, Dr. Harriet Burris attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in life sciences in 1972 and SUNY Upstate Medical Center, where she received her Doctorate of Medicine in 1976; and WHEREAS, In 1974, Dr. Harriet Burris married John Burris and several years later, the couple and their two children, Elizabeth and Catherine, moved to Connecticut, where they lived for 24 years; and WHEREAS, While in Connecticut, Dr. Harriet Burris worked in an Emergency Department in a facility located at a summer resort; and WHEREAS, In 2005, Dr. Harriet Burris and her family returned to the Alexandria Bay area and the following year, she began working at River Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her time at River Hospital, Dr. Harriet Burris held a number of positions including Emergency Department Director, Hospital Medical Director, and served as a physician within the Emergency Department and Convenient Care; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary doctor with a tremendous passion for medicine for more than three decades, Dr. Harriet Burris has made a difference in the lives of the countless patients whom she served; now, therefore, be

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Harriet Burris upon the occasion of her retirement from River Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Harriet Burris.