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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award by The Islamic Center of the Capital District on May 31, 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award by The Islamic Center of the Capital District, to be celebrated at its Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 31, 2014, in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Islamic Center of the Capital District (ICCD) of New York is a non-profit, non-political, religious and educational institute; the purpose of the ICCD is to advance the teachings of Islam and to serve the Muslim community in upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the organization hopes to serve as a bridge between the Muslim and non-Muslim communities in the tri-city area to promote mutual learning and understanding; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza for his dedication, generosity, and for being an immovable pillar of strength for ICCD for more than four decades; this exemplary man provided his services as a surgeon to Muslims and non-Muslims alike, at no cost to those who could not afford these necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serv-

ing can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved her greatest heights of glory through the dedication, determination and tireless efforts of the outstanding citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, A true pillar within his community, Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza's distinguished service to The Islamic Center of the Capital District merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community 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 honor Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award by The Islamic Center of the Capital District on May 31, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza.