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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Putnam Hospital Center

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Putnam Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, Evolving from the 19-bed Mahopac Emergency Hospital, Putnam Community Hospital opened its doors in October of 1964 as a 66-bed voluntary hospital serving the needs of a community of 45,000; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the Reed Building addition was constructed which created additional bed capacity and a new emergency room; a reorganization took place in 1985, during which time the hospital changed its name to Putnam Hospital Center and established a parent company (Putnam Center, Inc.) and a foundation (Putnam Hospital Center Foundation); both the hospital and the foundation became subsidiaries of the new parent company; and

WHEREAS, The Certified Home Health Care Agency and the Long Term Home Health Care Program were added in 1987-88 in an effort to accommodate the changes in how patient care was being provided, and in 1990, the 20-bed adult psychiatric unit was constructed in response to the community's need for mental health services; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Celia Dill Dialysis Center for outpatients was established in 1994, followed by a new birthing center in February of 1999; in June of 2001, a new building on campus was opened with a

state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery unit, MRI center, pain management program, outpatient radiology and physical therapy departments, 36 physicians' offices and administrative offices; and

WHEREAS, A two-story 20,000 square foot building housing a new and expanded emergency department and additional physicians' offices was opened in May 2003; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2008, Putnam Hospital Center opened the Camarda Care Center, a five-story 113,000 square foot patient building to house a new cancer center with radiation therapy, private patient rooms, physician offices and a hospital/community use conference center; and

WHEREAS, Today, Putnam Hospital Center is a 164-bed not-for-profit acute care hospital offering the highest quality medical, surgical, psychiatric, pediatric and obstetrical/gynecological care, as well as 24-hour emergency services; and

WHEREAS, The hospital, which affiliated with Health Quest in May 2001, has 110 medical/surgical beds, 10 intensive care beds, 10 pediatric beds, 14 maternity beds and 20 adult psychiatric beds; a full range of inpatient and outpatient services are offered; and

WHEREAS, Located on Stoneleigh Avenue in Carmel, New York, Putnam Hospital Center serves a growing population of more than 150,000 men, women and children who live and work in Putnam, northern Westchester and southern Dutchess counties; it is Putnam County's largest employer with a staff of over 350 highly qualified physicians, surgeons and allied health professionals and approximately 1000 employees; and

WHEREAS, For the past five decades, Putnam Hospital Center has been dedicated to providing the highest quality patient care with attention to service excellence, patient safety, physician collaboration and inno-

vation to ensure it meets the needs of the communities it so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, Putnam Hospital Center, and its expert staff, has had a long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of the citizens of

New York, and therefore merits the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Putnam Hospital Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Putnam Hospital Center, Carmel, New York.