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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Martin Brecher upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service and leadership at Roswell Park Cancer Institute

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Martin Brecher upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service and leadership at Roswell Park Cancer Institute; he will step down from his post as Chair of the Department of Pediatrics in July 2014; and

WHEREAS, For 30 years, Dr. Martin Brecher has made a qualitative difference in the lives of children with pediatric cancer and their families; and

WHEREAS, A leader in his field, Dr. Martin Brecher is the Waldemar J. Kaminski Chair in Pediatrics at Roswell Park, Chief of the Hematology/Oncology Division at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, State University of New York at Buffalo, as well as a Clinical Adjunct Faculty member at Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, From 1977 to 1989 he was a Cancer Research Pediatrician at Roswell Park; he remains particularly interested in clinical trials for childhood cancers, targeted therapy for pediatric cancers, the long-term cognitive effects of treatment for children with the most common type of

childhood cancer, acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), and risk factors for childhood ALL; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Brecher completed his medical education at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, SUNY Buffalo; he did his residency at Children's Hospital of Buffalo, and was a Fellow in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute; and

WHEREAS, This visionary healer has received numerous accolades and awards for his work; regularly included in rankings of best doctors in Western New York, and the United States, Dr. Martin Brecher is also the recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award; Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Western New York: Service Award; Camp Good Days and Special Times: Spirit of Teddi Humanitarian Award; University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Alumni Achievement Award; Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo: Burt P. Flickinger Jr. Physician's Award; University at Buffalo/Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo: John Paroski House Staff Teaching Award in Pediatrics; University at Buffalo: Louis A. and Ruth Siegel Distinguished Teaching Award; University at Buffalo/Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo: Frederick B. Wilkes Teaching Award in Pediatrics; Leukemia Society of America: Outstanding Professional Achievement; and the Leukemia Society of America: Supporting Trustee Award; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Dr. Martin Brecher will be remembered for his compassion, integrity, and profound commitment to his patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Brecher has proven himself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; 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 great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Martin Brecher and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Martin Brecher.