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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Hobart Lerner upon the occasion of his retirement after serving more than 65 distinguished years as a prominent Ophthalmologist in Rochester, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. Hobart Lerner upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 65 distinguished years as a prominent Ophthalmologist in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hobart Lerner was born in 1919; he majored in American History before going into medicine; he emulated his father, Dr. Macy Lerner, and joined his Ophthalmologist practice on July 1, 1949; over 65 years later he officially retired on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his trailblazing career, Dr. Hobart Lerner served his beloved community of Rochester, New York, with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position as a medical professional; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom Dr. Hobart Lerner worked, he will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hobart Lerner loved to take care of his patients, especially those who were in need; he volunteered in many different clinics, and with children who were disabled; he was known as an advocate for patients; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, the New York State Ophthalmological Society named

the celebrated Hobie Award after Dr. Hobart Lerner; this esteemed accolade is bestowed upon a member who demonstrates outstanding commitment to his patients, community or profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hobart Lerner was profiled in a series of DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE stories marking his 80th, 85th, and 90th birthdays; he was also recognized by the American Academy of Ophthalmology as the oldest practitioner in the country; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his loving wife of 50 years, Elinor, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hobart Lerner has distinguished himself in his career and community involvement, and the citizens of Rochester have profited greatly from his dedication and service; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 congratulate Dr. Hobart Lerner upon his outstanding career of magnificent achievements, and to wish him a rewarding and well-earned retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Hobart Lerner.