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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barry B. Perlman upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service in the field of medicine, psychiatry and mental health care as the Medical Director of St. Joseph's Medical Center and the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry for the Center since 1981

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors and tireless advocacy have enhanced the quality and access to mental health care treatment and services in New York State, while also working to reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barry Perlman upon the occasion of his retirement after serving as the Medical Director of St. Joseph's Medical Center and the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry for the Center's two campuses, one in Yonkers, New York and one in Harrison, New York, the latter of which he served for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman oversees St. Joseph's Medical Center Department of Psychiatry, which is one of the largest behavioral health providers in New York State offering a comprehensive array of outpatient and inpatient mental health services, addiction treatment programs and crisis services through its two campuses in Yonkers and Harrison, New York, which has served Yonkers as well as the surrounding communities of lower Westchester and the northern Bronx since 1888; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 16, 1945, in New York, New York, Barry Perlman graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1967, Yale University Medical School in 1971, and went on to complete his internship at New York University Medical Center and psychiatric residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City becoming certified by the American Board of

Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc., in psychiatry in 1977, and licensed to practice in New York State in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Barry and Lois Perlman were married and together they had two children, Marc and Carrie; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman dedicated a significant portion of his career preparing and educating generations of psychiatrists as a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry for New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman held a number of prestigious and important positions prior to his tenure at St. Joseph's Medical Center, including Director of Acute Psychiatric Services and Associate Director of the Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman's knowledge, expertise and experience have been called upon twice by Governors of the State of New York to serve including as Chairman of the New York State Mental Health Services Council and member of the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council as well as serving on the New York State Mental Health Planning Advisory Council's Task Force on Acute Inpatient Care, and the New York State Office of Mental Health's Hudson River Regional Advisory Group on Needs Assessment Methodology; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman has been a member of The New York State Psychiatric Association for nearly half a century, an organization he served in a number of leadership roles including President, Vice President, and Chair of the Committee on Legislation, the latter being a position he continues to hold; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman is a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and serves as Chair of the American Psychiatric Association's Committee on Government Relations and was a Councilor of the New York

Regional Chapter of the American Association of Psychiatric Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman has received numerous honors and awards, including Honoree at Saint Joseph's Medical Center Annual Ball, the Annual Distinguished Service Award from the Mount Vernon Community Advisory Board of Rockland Psychiatric Center, the Meritorious Service Medallion from The Psychiatric Society of Westchester County, Inc., the American Psychiatric Association Assembly Speakers Award, and the first-ever recipient of the American Psychiatric Association's (APA) Ronald A. Shellow Award in 2006, bestowed to him for contributions to the Assembly of the (APA) during his 18 years as a delegate; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman has authored and co-authored several publications in a number of scholarly journals, including YALE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE, JOURNAL OF AUTISM AND CHILDHOOD SCHIZOPHRENIA, THE MOUNT SINAI JOURNAL OF MEDICINE, MEDICAL HYPOTHESIS, DISEASE OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NEW YORK STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE, PRACTICE AND MANAGEMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE, HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRY, and THE THERAPIST'S HANDBOOK; in addition, he serves as the Secretary and on the Board of Directors for MENTAL HEALTH NEWS, a quarterly publication with 160,000 readers across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman provided testimony before a number of committees including the Assembly Mental Health Committee and served on panels at a number of conferences and meetings of many national, statewide, and local organizations and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman's steadfast advocacy over the years has shaped mental health public policy in New York State for the better, including the enactment of one of the strongest mental health parity laws in the nation with New York's Timothy's Law (Chapter 748 of the Laws of 2006); and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman's resolve and commitment have never ceased or

yielded in wanting to ensure New Yorkers in need of mental health care treatment and services are able to access it and receive quality care; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman has directly provided and overseen the provision of quality inpatient and outpatient mental health and

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substance use care and treatment to thousands of New Yorkers in need facilitating their recovery in the community; and

WHEREAS, Barry Perlman has excelled in all facets of life as a son, father, physician/psychiatrist, health care provider, educator and advocate with those who have known him describing him as honest, smart, loyal, conscientious, and resilient in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as the medical director and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Barry Perlman leaves behind an indelible legacy evidenced by the patients, psychiatrists and community he has so selflessly served that provides inspiration for future generations;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Barry Perlman upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barry Perlman.