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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas E. Murray, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Theodore Roosevelt Award by the Board of Trustees of Eastern Long Island Hospital

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas E. Murray, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Theodore Roosevelt Award by the Board of Trustees of Eastern Long Island Hospital, to be celebrated at a special dinner on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the Community Center in Peconic Landing, Greenport, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Theodore Roosevelt Award was established by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council in 1958; this auspicious award, inspired by the 26th President of the United States, recognizes individuals for their outstanding voluntary contributions at community hospitals throughout Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Murray, Jr. is certainly deserving of this esteemed recognition; his perseverance, energy and financial expertise has helped Eastern Long Island Hospital continue to fulfill its mission of providing essential healthcare services to the communities of both North Fork and Shelter Island and critical access to specialized services; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Murray, Jr. began serving as a member of the East-

ern Long Island Hospital Board of Trustees in 1999; four years later, he accepted the role of Chairman of the Board; and WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Thomas E. Murray, Jr. has been actively involved in rebuilding the hospital from the inside out; hospital-wide projects have included the reconstruction of the emergency department, the addition of acute beds in both psychiatry and addiction services departments, the expansion of the imaging department to accommodate the acquisition of a state-of-the-art MRI and digital mammography system, as well as a new Ambulatory Care Pavilion and a complete renovation and recapitalization of the laboratory; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Thomas E. Murray, Jr. led the Board of Trustees through the process of setting up a supporting foundation (503(9)) for the Eastern Long Island Hospital; he also helped to establish the East End Health Alliance with Eastern Long Island Hospital and two East End Hospitals, Peconic Bay Medical Center and Southampton Hospital; and WHEREAS, Today, Thomas E. Murray, Jr. continues to hold the position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and is a vital member of the Board of the Foundation; since 2008, he has participated on the parent Board of the East End Health Alliance, and presently, holds the title of Second Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, Formerly, President/CEO of Hamilton Federal Savings and Loan, Bay Ridge, New York, Thomas E. Murray, Jr. has spent over 30 years in the banking industry before retiring in 1992; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Thomas E. Murray, Jr. has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas E. Murray, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Theodore Roosevelt Award by the Board of Trustees of Eastern Long Island Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas E. Murray, Jr.