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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the TIMES UNION's Top 10 Nurses for their dedication to nursing excellence in the Capital Region

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those nurses from this great Empire State who have distinguished themselves through professional excellence and have made significant contributions to the quality of life of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the TIMES UNION's Top 10 Nurses for their dedication to nursing excellence in the Capital Region; this Salute To Nurses event is also sponsored by St. Peter's Health Partners and Excelsior College; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter's Health Partners foster an environment where nurses are supported and encouraged to take part in improving how health care is practiced and delivered; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in quality online nursing education, Excelsior College offers associate, RN to BS, RN to MS, master's, and certificate nursing programs for nurses who need balance as they continue to work; and

WHEREAS, With the concentration of hospitals, health care facilities and educational institutions in the area, the nursing profession is an important part of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The TIMES UNION's Top 10 Nurses include: Daniel Forget, Parish Nurse, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church; Andrea Graffeo, Albany Medical Center, Obstetrics; Ann Lanoue, School Nurse, Algonquin Middle School, Averill Park; Christine Martin, Samaritan Hospital, CNS, Ed.; Gay-Star McFarland, Registered Nurse Case Manager, SPHP Eddy Senior Care; Gary Miller, RN, Ellis Medical Center of Clifton Park (Emergent Care); Maura Russo, Saratoga Hospital, Medical/Surgical; Laura Stebbins,

Glens Falls Hospital, Emergency Preparedness; Lisa VanWormer, St. Peter's Hospital, Cancer Care Center/Outpatient Infusion; and Kathleen Malizia, Community Nurse, Hometown Health; and

WHEREAS, Built upon the proud tradition of caring, the profession of nursing is dedicated to implementing the best practices to deliver the highest quality of care to those we serve; and

WHEREAS, These exceptional individuals, leaders in their profession, make a difference in the lives of every one of their patients, as well as the patients' family members, they serve each and every day; they have truly proven themselves to be great assets to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which these remarkable nurses have displayed throughout their careers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the TIMES UNION's Top 10 Nurses for their dedication to nursing excellence in the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned TIMES UNION's Top 10 Nurses.