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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating SUNY Downstate Medical Center's 50th Anniversary of the College of Health Related Professions, College of Nursing, School of Graduate Studies, and University Hospital of Brooklyn

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those particular medical institutions which distinguish themselves through professional excellence and that have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate SUNY Downstate Medical Center's 50th Anniversary of the College of Health Related Professions, College of Nursing, School of Graduate Studies, and University Hospital of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious milestone will be celebrated with a banner/pennant unveiling highlighting research discovery, academic excellence and outstanding patient care on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at the SUNY Downstate HSEB Main Lobby/Atrium, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, As the only academic medical center in Brooklyn, SUNY Downstate Medical Center serves a large population, over 2.3 million people, and one that is among the most diverse in the world; in fact, many of its students are the first in their families to attend college and pursue careers in their communities; and

WHEREAS, More physicians who practice medicine in New York City received their training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center's College of Medicine than at any other medical school in the country; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, the College of Medicine ranks seventh in the number of graduates who are now engaged in academic medicine; locally, SUNY Downstate Medical Center has trained nearly half of all doctors in

Brooklyn in a number of specialty areas; and

WHEREAS, The College of Health Related Professions and the College of Nursing also play unique roles in Brooklyn and New York City by offering the oldest midwifery program in the country and by educating minority students, approximately three-fourths of the students are minority-group members and many are recent immigrants; and

WHEREAS, The College of Health Related Professions, founded in 1966, is dedicated to educating the next generation of health professionals in diagnostic medical imaging, medical informatics, midwifery, occupational therapy and physical therapy as well as physician assisting, leading to baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, Also founded in 1966, The College of Nursing is one of the largest in New York State, offering bachelor and master degrees and is one of only four colleges of nursing in the State offering a master's degree in all advanced practice roles, including clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners and nurse anesthetists as well as nurse midwives; and

WHEREAS, Since 1966, The School of Graduate Studies has been dedicated to training future scientists and providing students with the tools needed to contribute to a body of scientific knowledge; it grants the PhD degree, and along with the College of Medicine, sponsors a combined MD/PhD degree; and

WHEREAS, Graduates of the School are represented nationally and internationally in scientific research, postdoctoral studies and academia as well as industry; and

WHEREAS, University Hospital of Brooklyn (UHB), built in 1966, is the primary clinical training site for medical, allied health and nursing students, residents, and fellows, and is recognized with a number of

important designations that distinguish it from other area hospitals;

and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn's only kidney transplant service and pediatric dial-

ysis program are signature programs at UHB and the New York State Department of Health has certified UHB as an AIDS center and stroke center as well as a regional perinatal center; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when institutions which are anchors of education and engines of opportunity for students interested in pursuing careers in health care 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 commemorate SUNY Downstate Medical Center's 50th Anniversary of the College of Health Related Professions, College of Nursing, School of Graduate Studies, and University Hospital of Brooklyn; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to SUNY Downstate Medical Center's College of Health Related Professions, College of Nursing, School of Graduate Studies, and University Hospital of Brooklyn.