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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Sharon Brangman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 F.O.C.U.S. Wisdom Keeper Award by F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Sharon Brangman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Wisdom Keeper Award by F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse to be celebrated at its 7th Annual F.O.C.U.S. Wisdom Keeper Event on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at the Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center, Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is annually bestowed upon a citizen who has shown leadership, continual caring and an understanding of the importance of the vision for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Brangman, M.D. has exemplified these characteristics through her tireless work educating, researching, and providing clinical care and healthy living to improve the quality of life for current residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sharon Brangman is an inspiration, role model, advocate and teacher who guides patients, doctors, caregivers, health care professionals, medical students, and citizens in the process of aging gracefully in good mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sharon Brangman is Chief of the Division of Geriatrics at Upstate Medical University, nationally recognized by professional geriatrics organizations, and recently honored by SUNY Chancellor Nancy

Zimpher as a Distinguished Service Professor; and

WHEREAS, As a nationally recognized and locally revered geriatrician and researcher, Dr. Sharon Brangman serves the older population of Central New York with great humanity, practicality and holistically; as a former president of the American Geriatrics Society, she led the organization to recognize that the aging process includes the interrelationship of aging, ethnicity, race, and faith; and

WHEREAS, She is compassionate about serving her community and quietly, but significantly, she has touched the lives of these residents, giving them the tools to lead healthy, productive and meaningful lives in their senior years; and

WHEREAS, Along with her clinical practice at University Hospital, Dr. Sharon Brangman is also Director of the CNY Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center and Director of the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship; she is the former President of the Medical Staff, serving from 2001 - 2010, and was a member of the Medical Executive Committee for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Sharon Brangman serves as President of the Association of Geriatrics Academic Program Directors, is a member of an advisory board for geriatrics and gerontology for the Department of Veteran Affairs, has been an adviser to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and was an expert panelist for the White House Conference on Aging; furthermore, she is a sought after speaker locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse is a citizens' engagement organization that produces citizen-driven studies that embody citizen empowered voices; it encourages residents to participate in learning about, and having a voice in issues which affect their quality of life, today and into the future; and

WHEREAS, F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse promotes intelligent decision-making, creative, collaborative problem solving and meaningful interaction between citizens, organizations and government; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of her duties and responsibilities, Dr. Sharon Brangman continuously displays initiative and an unremitting commitment when pursuing the highest of goals, and she has served as a role model of leadership to be emulated by all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Sharon Brangman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 F.O.C.U.S. Wisdom Keeper Award by F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Sharon Brangman.