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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Douglas Jablon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. on June 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals and organizations which would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Douglas Jablon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. to be celebrated at its 26th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Rex Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc., formerly known as Brooklyn Housing & Family Services, has been assisting and educating tenants, building owners, and community leaders; through its Tenant Committees, the organization has successfully initiated building improvements and combated the deterioration of housing stock in its Borough; and

WHEREAS, Since 1971, Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. has strived to stabilize neighborhoods and preserve the quality of housing in its community; during the last few years, it has expanded the scope of its program dramatically, attempting to bond a newer, stronger cooperation between tenants and building owners; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Douglas Jablon was given the monumental task of developing a Patient Relations Department at Maimonides Medical Center; through his hard work and steadfast efforts, the Patient Relations

Services has grown into a nationally recognized department and acts as a model for other medical centers in and around the Tri-state area; and WHEREAS, Currently, Douglas Jablon serves as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Vice President of the Patient Relations Department; under his luminous leadership, the staff of the Patient Relations Department is dedicated to patient and family needs and concerns, serving as the patient's voice to administration by providing a safe environment, quality and cost effective services in response to and based on the identified patient's needs, and ultimately ensure that the patients are satisfied with their care; and

WHEREAS, Patient Representatives are responsible for educating both inpatient and outpatients, families, staff and the community on Patient's Rights, Advance Directives, and the myriad of additional services provided by the Patient Relations Department and Maimonides Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Patient Representative Services are provided 24 hours per day, seven days per week, including holidays; the majority of the Patient Representatives are bi-lingual, some multilingual, with expertise in Yiddish, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Cantonese, Mandarin, French, Creole, German, Hebrew, Urdu, and Arabic; and

WHEREAS, The committed staff are also involved with their community by coordinating outreach programs including symposiums, health fairs, screenings, and various events which advertise the Patient Relations Department's services and offer education to individuals based on their specific needs; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Douglas Jablon has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Douglas Jablon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc.; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Douglas Jablon.