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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Joseph Greensher upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Winthrop University Hospital

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.

Joseph Greensher upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Winthrop-University Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Greensher, MD, FAAP, FAACT, is a highly respected and much beloved pediatrician, who began his career at Winthrop-University Hospital, then Nassau Hospital, in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Greensher completed his undergraduate education at the University of California, Berkley, and received his Medical degree (MD) from the University of Basel, Switzerland in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Upon receiving his MD, Dr. Joseph Greensher completed a rotating internship at Queens Hospital Center, and an internship and residency at Meadowbrook Hospital, now Nassau University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, As Vice Chairman of Winthrop's Department of Pediatrics, and Senior Physician Advisor, Dr. Joseph Greensher has been committed to serving children as their physician and advocate and has spent a lifetime sharing his passion for pediatric medicine by caring for generations of children and families who have come to Winthrop for care; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as long time Vice Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, Dr. Joseph Greensher served for more than two

decades as the Hospital's Medical Director; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Greensher has been a pioneer in child safety, having worked with a major toy company in the 1980s to develop a new type of plastic that would show up on x-rays in an effort to reduce deaths and injuries among children who swallow or inhale small toy parts; and

WHEREAS, As head of the New York State Task Force for Childhood Lead Poisoning, Dr. Joseph Greensher lobbied for a law requiring mandatory lead testing for children in 1993; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics Study Committee concerning all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), Dr. Joseph Greensher successfully sought the creation of laws that restricted usage of ATVs by children under the age of 16 and banned the further sale of three-wheel ATVs; and

WHEREAS, As former president of the Nassau County Pediatric Society, and having served as chairman of the local American Academy of Pediatrics Chapter 2 and alternate district chairman of District II, Dr.

Joseph Greensher has dedicated his career to improving the health and welfare of infants, children, and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Greensher is an esteemed professor of pediatrics at Stony Brook University School of Medicine and a prolific author, whose contributions to the past and future of pediatric medicine can be viewed in over 100 publications and chapters in more than 15 medical texts; and

WHEREAS, A Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology and the Nassau Academy of Medicine, Dr. Joseph Greensher is also a member of the New York State Medical Society,

Nassau County Medical Society and the American Association of Poison Control Centers; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Dr. Joseph Greensher's ongoing efforts and notable achievements

have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Dr. Joseph Greensher upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Winthrop University Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Joseph Greensher.