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Senate Resolution No. 2124

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Dr. Samuel Kopel, MD, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. on June 15, 2017

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 who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Samuel Kopel, MD, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. to be celebrated at its 27th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at Rex Manor in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, 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 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, Born in Mlawa, Poland, Dr. Samuel Kopel earned his medical degree from the University of Bologna Faculty of Medicine in Italy; he completed his internal medicine residency and a clinical hematology fellowship at the Jewish Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York; he then went on to complete a fellowship in clinical hematology and oncology at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Dr. Samuel Kopel joined the medical staff at Maimonides as the Division Director of Hematology and Oncology; in 1996, he was promoted to the position of Medical Director; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Dr. Samuel Kopel took on the auspicious role of Chief Medical Officer at Maimonides Medical Center; in this capacity, he is the voice of the medical staff, who all Department Chairs report to, and is an advisor to the President of Maimonides Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Samuel Kopel has been an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the State University of New York Downstate Medical School and a principal investigator in cancer related studies including Cancer and Acute Leukemia Group B, Prostate, Lung,

Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial, New York Cancer Project and the New York Early Lung Cancer Action Plan (NY-ELCAP); and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Sari, who has shown

him love and support and rejoices in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Samuel Kopel, MD 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 Dr. Samuel Kopel, MD, 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 Dr. Samuel Kopel, MD.