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Senate Resolution No. 2363

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Walter L. Sperling, MD upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Board of Trustees of Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation on October 14, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Walter L. Sperling, MD upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Board of Trustees of Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation to be celebrated at its Annual Gala on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at White Wolf Restaurant and Lounge in Napanoch, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter L. Sperling graduated from Northwestern Medical School and his internship and residency from Robert Packer Hospital in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, From 1964-1966, Dr. Walter L. Sperling proudly served his country as a Captain and Chief of Medicine at Tyndall Air Force Base in

Panama City, Florida; after his discharge in 1966, he joined the staff at Ellenville Medical Group, an established multi-specialty practice; and

WHEREAS, Upon the opening of the Ellenville Regional Hospital, Dr. Walter L. Sperling held the esteemed title of Chief of Medicine for approximately 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter L. Sperling also owned a community medical practice where he served as an internist for 45 years; in 2010, he sold the practice to The Institute for Family Health; shortly thereafter, he joined as a Physician and later taught 3rd and 4th year medical students; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2011, this dynamic and hardworking man became the Medical Director at Ellenville Regional Hospital; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to Ellenville Hospital and his community, Dr. Walter L. Sperling was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2014 Dr. Gary Ogden Rural Health Practitioner Award by the New York State Association for Rural Health, and recognition by the Ellenville Chapter of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping his fellow veterans, Dr. Walter L. Sperling served as Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Ellenville Post; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Walter L. Sperling displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhanced the quality of life in their community and displayed a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Walter L. Sperling, MD upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Board of Trustees of Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Walter L. Sperling.