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Senate Resolution No. 4005

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Dr. Gary J. Sherman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd. on April 8, 2018

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. Gary J. Sherman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd., to be celebrated at its 41st Annual Gala on Sunday, April 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, For the last 43 years, the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd. has stayed true to its mission of promoting unity in its multi-cultural community; this vital organization strives to instill and preserve the highest ideal of Americanism, provide mutual assistance and encourage greater participation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary J. Sherman was born to Dr. Ben and Helen Sherman in Brooklyn, New York, where he attended Lafayette High School; he earned his undergraduate degree from Upsala College, and his medical degree from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine; he successfully completed his post graduate residency at the Jewish Memorial Hospital in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, Dr. Gary J. Sherman has specialized in podiatric medicine and surgery in both Brooklyn and Manhattan; during this time, he has served as Director of Podiatry at several hospitals including New York Downtown Hospital, Richmond University Medical Center and Maimonides Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his valuable work at various hospitals, Dr. Gary J. Sherman serves as an adjunct Clinical Professor at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine; throughout his distinguished career, he has shared his superior skills and vast knowledge with hundreds of students, and thereby helped create outstanding and compassionate new doctors; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lives and works, Dr. Gary J. Sherman has served on multiple charitable boards such as the Council of Jewish Organizations for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary J. Sherman and his brother, Mark, have been instrumental in the continued growth of The Unity Games, which has used basketball as a platform to promote racial tolerance amongst thousands of young men and women during the past 16 years; and

WHEREAS, A true humanitarian, Dr. Gary J. Sherman participated in medical relief efforts during the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake; upon his return, he organized additional medical teams to continue where

his team left off, and obtained financial support for their journey, as well as transportation; for his participation in this humanitarian act, he has been the recipient of multiple awards; and

WHEREAS, When he is not working or helping someone, Dr. Gary J. Sherman can often be found fishing on his boat, The Helen, or in a cold trout stream with his many friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lyn Kohls, and their daughter, Samantha, both of whom have shown support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Gary J. Sherman 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. Gary J. Sherman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Gary J. Sherman.