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Senate Resolution No. 4735

BY: Senator STEWART-COUSINS

COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of White
Plains Hospital

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those institutions which have faithfully served the health needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of White Plains Hospital, to be celebrated with a Gala on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Briarcliff Manor, New York; and

WHEREAS, White Plains Hospital has a tradition of excellence that has earned it an outstanding reputation for high-quality care and friendliness, a tradition that has deep roots in the past; and

WHEREAS, In 1893, a dedicated group of 22 women and three men came together to establish a voluntary, not-for-profit hospital for their community; and

WHEREAS, In its first year, White Plains Hospital cared for 31 patients; today, more than a century later, nearly 200,000 patients

receive treatments in its facilities annually; and

WHEREAS, White Plains Hospital has a rich history, with origins dating back to a small house on Chatterton Hill, with four beds and other furnishings given by the women from its first Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, Over the decades, White Plains Hospital purchased the property on which the present hospital now stands in 1907, opened an Outpatient Department Clinic in 1930, and established the first Coronary Care Unit in the County in 1966; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, the Hospital began focusing on the healthcare needs of the elderly and created the Senior Services Program, an information and referral service, providing assistance to elderly individuals needing medical, social and financial services; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, White Plains Hospital opened the first fully self-contained Ambulatory Surgery Center in Westchester County in 1984, to accommodate patients who require surgery of short duration without hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the specialized needs of patients with diabetes, White Plains Hospital opened a Diabetes Cluster in 1990, where specially trained nurses offer the most advanced medical technology with compassionate personal care; and

WHEREAS, That same year, the Hospital became the first in the County to add a certified midwife to the medical staff, and in 1993, the

Neonatal Special Care Unit was created to help premature and ill newborn babies survive; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1996, White Plains Hospital signed a historic alliance agreement designed to strengthen community-based health care services for area residents; in partnership with Northern Westchester Hospital Center of Mount Kisco, White Plains Hospital became a founding member of what is now known as Stellaris Health Network, Inc., creating the region's premier health system; and

WHEREAS, The Dickstein Cancer Treatment Center, which opened in April of 1999, is the only freestanding building in Westchester County devoted entirely to cancer treatment; two years later, the Hospital's WPHC Cancer Program was designated an American College of Surgeons Approved Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2001, the Hospital celebrated the opening of The William & Sylvia Silberstein Neonatal & Maternity Center, a 30,000 square foot facility which provides a full continuum of care from maternal-fetal medicine through labor and delivery, postpartum, pediatric and neonatal services; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, White Plains Hospital offers the Westchester Orthopedic Institute, the Women's Imaging Center, and the Outpatient Physical Therapy Center and Home Care program; and

WHEREAS, Entering its 125th year, White Plains Hospital remains true in purpose and strong in spirit, taking just pride in its excellent facilities, dedicated staff and laudable history of quality health care; and

WHEREAS, Venerable and trustworthy institutions, tending to the needs of the community and its citizenry, represent the threads from which the fabric of society is woven, and so now this Legislative Body is moved to recognize the beneficent good works of White Plains

Hospital, sharing the pride of its history and accomplishments, and anticipating its future of continued growth in quality and personalized care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of White Plains Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to White Plains Hospital.