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Assembly Resolution No. 1329

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COMMENDING Montefiore Westchester Square upon the occasion of celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of its free-standing Emergency Department in New York State, the first of its kind

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those healthcare facilities within the State of New York which provide outstanding medical care and vital services to meet the needs of their patients; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Montefiore Westchester Square upon the occasion of celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of its free-standing Emergency Department in New York State, the first of its kind; and

WHEREAS, The Montefiore Westchester Square will be recognized on June 16, 2018, at the Fair at the Square event where people will acknowledge all the good that it has done and will continue to do in the future; and

WHEREAS, Montefiore is a premier academic health system and the University Hospital for Albert Einstein College of Medicine, one of the top medical schools and research institutions in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Providing excellent care and spearheading new value-based models, Montefiore serves 3.1 million people living in New York City, the Hudson Valley and beyond; it is also home to Montefiore Westchester Square, the first free-standing Emergency Department in New York State, and one of the first same day surgery centers; and

WHEREAS, In March 2013, Montefiore Westchester Square opened its doors and transformed a bankrupt hospital into a free-standing emergency department, that provides high quality patient care in the East Bronx; the facility is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is staffed by board-certified emergency department physicians and nurses, and accepts all patients regardless of their ability to pay or their legal status; and

WHEREAS, The free-standing Emergency Department model is so popular, that one year after Montefiore Westchester Square opened its doors, it then opened Montefiore Hutchinson Campus, a hospital without beds, serving as an extension to Montefiore Westchester Square; and

WHEREAS, In its first year, Montefiore Westchester Square saw 13,000 patient visits; this year, Montefiore Westchester Square is expected to see approximately 36,000 visits; this equates to approximately 100 patient visits daily; and

WHEREAS, Typically only six out of 100 patients who are seen at Montefiore Westchester Square each day require a hospital admission; if an admission is required, an ambulance is standing by 24/7 to ensure quick transportation to a nearby Montefiore hospital; and

WHEREAS, Montefiore Westchester Square has an average wait time of 20 minutes; patients are immediately seen by a doctor and a nurse upon

arrival, expediting triage, and enabling efficiencies like lab tests being ordered quickly; should a patient need to see a primary care doctor, Montefiore Westchester Square arranges appointments onsite, so patients can be seen within 48 hours of leaving Montefiore Westchester Square; and

WHEREAS, According to Press Ganey, a national patient satisfaction survey, Montefiore Westchester Square ranks top in the nation; as part of the Montefiore Health System, which combines clinical and academic excellence, while pushing the boundaries of current research and clinical expertise, Montefiore continues to be an innovative leader in our ever changing healthcare environment; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional healthcare facility, fully confident that it will continue to provide excellent, high quality care to the residents of the communities it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Montefiore Westchester Square upon the occasion of celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of its free-standing Emergency Department in New York State, the first of its kind; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Montefiore Westchester Square.