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Senate Resolution No. 223

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Scott H. Perra, FACHE, upon the occasion of his retirement as President/CEO of Mohawk Valley Health System

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Scott H. Perra, FACHE, upon the occasion of his retirement as President/CEO of Mohawk Valley Health System to be celebrated on Friday, January 18, 2019, at Delta Hotels By Marriott Utica, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Scott H. Perra began his illustrious career with Mohawk Valley Health System in 1985, when he joined St. Luke's-Memorial Hospital Center; he quickly climbed the ranks to become Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer in 1989, remaining in the position through the Faxton Hospital and St. Luke's-Memorial Hospital Center consolidation which began in November of 1998; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man was appointed President/CEO of

Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare (FSLH) in January of 2009; five years later, Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare and St. Elizabeth Medical Center affiliated, and Scott H. Perra was appointed President/CEO of the newly formed Mohawk Valley Health System, the esteemed position from which he will officially retire on January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2012, Scott H. Perra was elected to the Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company Board, the largest medical malpractice insurance company in the State and top five nationally; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Board of Directors of the Healthcare Association of New York State, Scott H. Perra spent two years as Chairman of the Iroquois Healthcare Association where he currently serves on the Board and Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Active in the community, Scott H. Perra is a member of the Executive Committee of the Mohawk Valley EDGE Board of Directors, Excellus Utica Regional Advisory Board, the Audit and Compliance Committee for the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc. and NBT Bank's Mohawk Valley Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Scott H. Perra previously served on the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Regents Advisory Council and Professional Advisory Committee for the Health Services Management Program at SUNYIT; he is past chairman of Mohawk Valley Heart Institute and past Chairman of the Board of Directors for St. Luke's Home; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Leadership Mohawk Valley (LMV), Scott H. Perra's expertise and contribution to healthcare has earned him numerous

awards and accolades, including the 2004 LMV Follow the Leader Award, the 2014 Genesis Group Outstanding Healthcare Leadership Award, and the

2015 Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Scott H. Perra was again recognized by LMV as a leader in the category of "Challenge the Process" for his initiatives and innovative approach in consolidating healthcare in the region and enhancing services to improve the quality of healthcare for the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, as a graduate of Mohawk Valley Community College, Scott H. Perra was selected for the Alumnus of Merit Award in 2017; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President/CEO, Scott H. Perra served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Scott H. Perra over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Scott H. Perra, FACHE, upon the occasion of his retirement as President/CEO of Mohawk Valley Health System; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Scott H. Perra, FACHE.