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## State Senator Andrew Gounardes Passes Resolution Honoring the Life of Dr. Ahmad Jaber

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**Brooklyn, NY** - State Senator Andrew Gounardes today spoke on the New York State Senate passage of a resolution to honor the life of Dr. Ahmad Jaber, a renowned doctor, founder of the Arab American Association of New York and a leader in the fight for Arab American rights. Dr. Jaber died on December 10, 2020, at the age of 73. Watch Senator Gounardes' full remarks [here](#).

Born in the small village of Yamoun, Palestine, he moved to Jordan before immigrating to America. He became a board-certified OB-GYN and opened a private practice on 5th Ave in Bay Ridge. In 1975, he founded the National Arab-American Medical Association, through which he was able to establish a prayer room at his hospital. In 2001, he partnered with other community leaders to found the nonprofit Arab-American Association of New York, dedicating himself to fighting prejudice and bridging the divide between the Arab-American community and their neighbors.

Throughout his career and activism he helped many newly arriving immigrants from Arab nations and was known for his generosity, compassion and reputation as a bridge builder. He also personally delivered 5,000 babies.

**State Senator Andrew Gounardes** said, “Dr. Jaber was an absolutely extraordinary person whose dedication to justice and healing will continue to inspire others long after he is gone. He was a friend and someone I continue to respect and admire, both for the meaningful work he did to stand up for the rights of his fellow Arab-Americans and bring people closer together, as well as the new life he brought into the world as a doctor. Today, we as a legislative body honor Dr. Jaber for a life of purpose and integrity and mourn his loss. May his memory be eternal.”

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