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Assembly Resolution No. 1030

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CELEBRATING the life and many accomplishments of Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh, distinguished family man, medical specialist, and dedicated member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Nabil J. Sayegh was born May 4, 1949, in Jordan, to Jamil and Jalilah Sayegh and immigrated to the United States (New York) in 1957; following the sudden and unexpected passing of his father in 1965, Nabil, the eldest of eight children, was left with the heavy responsibility, along with his Mom, to help raise, guide and nurture his siblings; and

WHEREAS, Learning at an early age the need to work hard, Nabil J. Sayegh worked tirelessly to support his siblings and mother working at least three to four jobs at a time throughout the city of Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, Nabil J. Sayegh graduated from Yonkers High School in 1965 and continued onto Lehman College graduating in 1972; after graduating from college, he, along with four of his brothers, went on to attend Medical School in Guadalajara, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Nabil J. Sayegh became an accomplished Board-Certified Physician and Surgeon with a respected and successful practice in Urology in New City, New York since 1984; he was affiliated with Nyack Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital in Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, He also served as Assistant Faculty at New York Medical College; living up to his name - Nabil means noble in Arabic - numerous accounts of many of his patients will attest to his dedication and personal compassion for his patients throughout his professional career; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh was honored by the faculty of Nyack Hospital with the Physician of the Year Award for his professional skills and dedication to his patients and to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh was a devout Orthodox Christian with a great love for his church; along with his Mother, he was one of the founding members of his life-long home parish, the Virgin Mary Antiochian Church of Yonkers, New York, where he worked throughout his life, giving of his time, efforts, love and contributions; he served as the Parish Council Chairman for many years; and

WHEREAS, Within the church, Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh served as a mentor to many of the young parishioners; numerous young members of the church community wanted to become a doctor simply because of Nabil's positive influence; his impact is still present today in the community and many still thank him for his support; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh was awarded the Antonion Medal of Honor by the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese for his lifelong dedication and love of the Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh had extensive awareness and skills in Multi-Cultural Issues, Global Affairs and History combined with being a strong advocate of Family and Traditional Values; and

WHEREAS, A pillar within his family, community, and church, Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh said to his family "In America, there are no excuses, especially when you have an education."; despite the odds of helping to raise a large family at a young age, working through elementary, high school and college, for Nabil was the epitome of the American dream, always believing in himself, and guiding the future generations; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and many accomplishments of Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dr. Nabil J. Sayegh; Clarkstown Urology in Nyack, New York; Nyack Hospital, and Virgin Mary Church in Yonkers, New York.