

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Paul Marius Beer, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Paul Marius Beer, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Association's 2013 Visionary Gala, to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Albany Country Club in Voorheesville, New York; and

WHEREAS, An ophthalmologist and retina specialist, Paul Marius Beer, M.D. is a longtime supporter of the Northeastern Association of the Blind; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Paul Marius Beer, M.D. founded Retina Consultants, the largest and most prestigious specialty retina group in the Capital District; he continues to serve patients from across northeastern New York and western Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his numerous clinical and teaching activities, Paul Marius Beer, M.D. is involved in cutting-edge research, investigating new techniques and therapies for diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration; he has founded the Retina Research Foundation and the Retina Research Center in Slingerlands, New York, to support and promote clinical trials in the New York Capital District; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous prestigious professional awards, Paul Marius Beer, M.D. was instrumental in organizing exhibitions for the Blind Artists' Society; and

WHEREAS, Paul Marius Beer, M.D. received his Bachelor's degree from Columbia University and his Medical degree from SUNY Stony Brook; in 1986, he received a fellowship at the Louisiana State University Eye Center where he specialized in diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous; and

WHEREAS, Following his faculty teaching positions at Columbia University and Albany Medical College, Paul Marius Beer, M.D. was Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of the Retina Division at Albany Medical College; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Paul Marius Beer, M.D. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Paul Marius Beer, M.D. has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Paul Marius Beer, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Marius Beer, M.D.

