

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George G. Hart, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor George G. Hart, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, to be celebrated on Friday, January 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This special occasion will be held during the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Foundation's Annual Winter Weekend where Dr. Hart is being acknowledged for his exemplary service to medicine and to the community of greater Lake Placid, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Lake Placid, Dr. Hart graduated from Lake Placid High School and obtained both a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from McGill University; and also was an intern at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hart enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps as a flight surgeon and was attached to the 46th Flight Squadron, 21st Group during World War II; his military post was on the island of Iwo Jima where he survived a Japanese Banzai attack on his bivouac area; and

WHEREAS, Being the only medical officer on duty in the area at that time, Dr. Hart spent many hours caring for wounded soldiers during the battle and was awarded the Silver Star for his valiant actions; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Dr. Hart returned to Lake Placid and opened a general practice of medicine, became a member of the medical staff at Placid Memorial Hospital and served as president of the medical staff at Saranac Lake General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hart served as chairman of Medical Services for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, and was inducted into the Lake Placid Hall of Fame; prior to that, he served as president of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians from 1970-1971; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hart has been married to Ruth Paine of Montreal, Canada, since 1946 and they have four daughters, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren; they have both resided continuously in Lake Placid since their marriage; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hart has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Hart has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his family, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Hart has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor George G. Hart, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George G. Hart, M.D.