

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. David Kolva upon the occasion of being named the 2013 Family Practice Educator of the Year

WHEREAS, Dr. David Kolva was recognized as the 2013 Family Practice Educator of the Year by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kolva is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Family Practice for SUNY Upstate Medical University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kolva began his career in 1984 in Port City, when no other doctors in the area were accepting new patients; and

WHEREAS, He thereafter served for 20 years as a general practitioner of family medicine in the Oswego community; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Dr. Kolva took his career in a new direction when he retired from private practice to teach full time at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kolva has always taken great pride in his role as a medical educator, encouraging students to spend time with him on his family practice rounds; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kolva previously won multiple teaching awards while at St. Joseph's Hospital and has dedicated himself to improving the education curriculum for the next generation of medical students and residents; and

WHEREAS, A lifetime member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Kolva was awarded the NYSAFP Physician of the Year Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kolva and his wife live in Oswego, New York, where they raised three children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kolva has always demonstrated a love for his community and strong commitment to leadership in encouraging his students and medical residents to pursue a career in family medicine; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. David Kolva upon the occasion of being named the 2013 Family Practice Educator of the Year by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. David Kolva.