

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Columbia Memorial Hospital upon the occasion of receiving a National Center of Excellence Accreditation in minimally invasive gynecological surgery

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievement of those individuals and organizations which substantially contribute to the health and wellbeing of the people of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those hospitals within the State of New York which provide outstanding medical care and vital services to meet the healthcare needs of their patients; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Columbia Memorial Hospital upon the occasion of receiving a National Center of Excellence Accreditation in minimally invasive gynecological surgery; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, New York, has served the region since 1893; it is one of the newest, most innovative and technically advanced facilities in the Hudson Valley; its mission is to provide its communities with safe, high quality, comprehensive health care services in a dignified and compassionate environment; and

WHEREAS, Serving more than 100,000 residents in Columbia, Greene and Dutchess counties, Columbia Memorial Hospital focuses on advanced surgery, primary care and health education; it is a 192-bed acute care hospital and also operates a 120-bed long-term care site, as well as 26 outlying primary and specialty care centers; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Health Center at Columbia Memorial Hospital became the first hospital in New York State to receive National Center of Excellence Accreditation in minimally invasive gynecological surgery (laparoscopy) from the American Institute of Minimally Invasive Surgery (AIMIS); and

WHEREAS, AIMIS awards the Center of Excellence designation to organizations that meet national standards for minimally invasive procedures; and

WHEREAS, According to AIMIS, the Columbia Memorial Hospital Women's Health Center will have national and international recognition for the priority the hospital places on minimally invasive surgery which helps minimize recovery times and provides better patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The surgeons from Columbia Memorial Hospital Women's Health Center cited as winning GYN surgeons were: Dr. Edward Marici, Dr. Lawrence Perl, Dr. Tanya Mays-Jeune, Dr. Suzanne Mesidor and Dr. Marcel Hinds; and

WHEREAS, The surgeons from Columbia Memorial Hospital Women's Health Center began their quest for national accreditation three years ago; together they have performed some 350 minimally invasive hysterectomies; since 2008 they have doubled the number of laparoscopic procedures; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Health Center had to meet a national standard of performing hysterectomies where no less than 80 per cent of all surgery was done laparoscopically; Columbia Memorial Hospital does 97 per cent of their hysterectomies laparoscopically, and while the national average for complication is one per cent, Columbia Memorial Hospital's surgeons had zero complications; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate Columbia Memorial Hospital upon the occasion of receiving a National Center of Excellence Accreditation in minimally invasive gynecological surgery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Columbia Memorial Hospital.