

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Naji Abi Shahin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Lutheran HealthCare on May 17, 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Naji Abi Shahin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Lutheran HealthCare, to be celebrated at its 131st Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Lebanon, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin 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, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin, Medical Doctor, Fellow, American College of Surgeons, is the Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Lutheran HealthCare; he has been a valued member of the Lutheran family and the communities it serves for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, Prior to immigrating to the United States with his wife, Goldy, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin earned his bachelor's degree from the American University of Beirut in 1965, and received his medical degree from the American University of Beirut Medical School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, After briefly settling in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he completed a surgical residency at the Detroit General Hospital, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin and Goldy moved to Brooklyn, New York, to complete a four-year surgical residency at Lutheran Medical Center; in his last year of residency at Lutheran, he served as chief resident and began what would be a long successful journey as a committed medical professional and physician leader at the medical center; and

WHEREAS, Since first joining Lutheran Medical Center in 1971 as a surgical resident, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin has also served as chief resident, emergency room surgical director, trauma surgeon, and vice chairman of the Department of Surgery; and

WHEREAS, Among his countless duties in this capacity, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin has operated his own private practice in Brooklyn since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin is highly respected for being an active and pioneer member of the Physician's Advancement Committee at Lutheran Medical Center, a small group of dedicated physicians who have helped to build a culture of philanthropy at Lutheran Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, A diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin is a member of the Brooklyn Surgical Society, the Bay Ridge Medical Society, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; in addition, he is board certified in general surgery; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Goldy, with him throughout have been their three children, Tania, George and John, as well as six grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Naji Abi Shahin 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 Dr. Naji Abi Shahin has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Naji Abi Shahin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Lutheran HealthCare; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Naji Abi Shahin.