

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMENDING Kenmore Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, New York, upon the occasion of receiving national recognition for excellence in nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the extraordinary achievements of those individuals and organizations which substantially contribute to the health and well-being of the people of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kenmore Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, New York, upon the occasion of receiving national recognition for excellence in nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program; and

WHEREAS, Magnet recognition reflects the highest standard of nursing professionalism, collaboration and teamwork and distinguishes certain hospitals as a premier designation for health care; to obtain this illustrious status, hospitals have to go through a multi-year, rigorous, voluntary application process; and

WHEREAS, Magnet organizations must show their nursing outcomes are better than comparison national benchmarks in several dimensions, including patient falls, hospital-acquired pressure ulcers and infections, pain management and peripheral IV complications; they also must exceed national benchmarks for patient and family satisfaction, as well as nurse satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, With a focus on transformational leadership, structural empowerment, exemplary professional practice, new knowledge, innovations and improvements, the Magnet Model supports outstanding patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious recognition reflects the outstanding care Kenmore Mercy Hospital provides and the quality patient outcomes; it also demonstrates the commitment of every member of the hospital team who works each and every day to assure excellence in patient care; and

WHEREAS, As the only Magnet-designated hospital in Western New York, Kenmore Mercy Hospital joins a select community, as only 454 hospitals worldwide have received this prestigious designation; and

WHEREAS, The Magnet recognition is the culmination of Kenmore Mercy Hospital's continued commitment to nursing excellence, which is central to how it serves its community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President and CEO, James M. Millard, Kenmore Mercy Hospital has also received its seventh

consecutive A-rating from The Leapfrog Group, an industry watchdog who collects and reports hospital performance to improve quality and safety, and was named the only 2016 Top Hospital in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Kenmore Mercy Hospital and its expert staff, has had a long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of the citizens of Buffalo, and therefore merits the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Kenmore Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, New York, upon the occasion of receiving national recognition for excellence in nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James M. Millard, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kenmore Mercy Hospital.