

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Dr. George Kalonaros upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Mary Mechtilde Memorial Award by the Kenmore Mercy Foundation on November 16, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. George Kalonaros upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Mary Mechtilde Memorial Award by the Kenmore Mercy Foundation, celebrated at its A Tribute to Angels Event on Friday, November 16, 2018, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Lancaster, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Kenmore Mercy Foundation raises funds from friends across the community who wish to support the hospital's mission of providing compassionate healthcare to the residents of Erie County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Sister Mary Mechtilde Memorial Award is given to an individual who personifies the philanthropic ideals of Sister Mary Mechtilde O'Connor, Kenmore Mercy Hospital's founder and first administrator; and

WHEREAS, A neurologist and director of Kenmore Mercy Hospital's award-winning stroke program, Dr. George Kalonaros is truly deserving of this prestigious award for his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his patients and for his exceptional contributions to the hospital and to the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Dr. George Kalonaros' ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, he has continuously displayed initiative and an unrelenting commitment when pursuing the highest of goals, and he has served as a role model of leadership to be emulated by all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. George Kalonaros upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Mary Mechtilde Memorial Award by the Kenmore Mercy Foundation on November 16, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. George Kalonaros.