

**BY:** Senator JACOBS

**HONORING** Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal by The State University of New York at Buffalo

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed individuals and institutions within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the progress of medicine and the improvement of life; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal by The State University of New York at Buffalo, to be celebrated at its Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 3, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal recognizes outstanding scholarly or artistic achievements, humanitarian acts, contributions of time or treasure, exemplary leadership or any other major contribution to the development of the University at Buffalo and the quality of life in its community; Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

**WHEREAS,** L. Nelson Hopkins earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, and his Doctor of Medicine, cum laude, from Albany Medical College in 1969; he completed his Internship in Surgery Residency, Neurosurgery, University at Buffalo in 1975; Residency, Neurology, University at Buffalo in 1971; and Internship, Surgery, Case Western Reserve University in 1970; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins began his long and distinguished career as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at the University at Buffalo in 1975; after seven years, he assumed the role of Clinical Associate Professor, and since 1979, has held the title of Chief of Service, Department of Neurosurgery at Kaleida Health; and

**WHEREAS,** For the last 30 years, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has held several positions at the University at Buffalo including Professor of both Radiology and Neurosurgery; from 1989-2013, he served as Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to these esteemed roles, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has been the Director of Neurosurgery at the Toshiba Stroke Research Center since 1997, and Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry since 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** Ranking seventh among the most published neurosurgical

departments in North America, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has established University at Buffalo Neurosurgery as one of the most respected in the world; he has pioneered endovascular neurosurgery and has trained a new generation of neurosurgeon leaders skilled in catheter-based technology for minimally invasive neurosurgery; and

**WHEREAS,** Active in national neurosurgery, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Executive Committee of the Stroke Council of the American Heart Association; he has also held the title of Scientific and Annual Meeting Chairman for both the AANS and Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and was the Chairman of the Joint Section on Cerebrovascular Surgery and President of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his exceptional career, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has been the principal investigator of several national clinical trials testing catheter-based technologies for the treatment of neurovascular diseases; he is a member of the editorial boards of **NEUROSURGERY** and **World Neurosurgery** and the author of more than 300 publications centered on the prevention and treatment of stroke; and

**WHEREAS,** This brilliant man is an advocate of cross-specialty and multidisciplinary collaboration, and was instrumental in creating the Toshiba Stroke & Vascular Research Center, the Jacobs Institute and Gates Vascular Institute, where he serves in leadership positions; and

**WHEREAS,** A proponent of the global approach to revascularization for the improvement of outcomes for patients with vascular disease, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has served on the faculty of numerous symposiums nationally and internationally, and each year, hosts multidisciplinary seminars along with industry leaders focused on assessing and managing complications associated with minimally invasive catheter-based interventions; and

**WHEREAS,** For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his profession, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; and

**WHEREAS,** As a leader in his profession, Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins has proven himself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal by The State University of New York at Buffalo; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins.