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CONGRATULATING Dr. Paul M. Russo upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Top Doctor, and the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award after many years of distinguished service as a Urologic Surgeon at Sidney Kimmel Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed individuals 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 congratulate Urologic Surgeon Dr. Paul M. Russo upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Top Doctor by Castle Connolly: **New York Magazine**, and as recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Teacher Award by Memorial Sloan Kettering, Department of Surgery, Urology Services; and

WHEREAS, Paul M. Russo earned his medical degree from Columbia University; he went on to complete his residencies in both General Surgery and Urologic Surgery at Washington University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul M. Russo obtained a fellowship in Urologic Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center before becoming Board Certified in Urology; and

WHEREAS, As a urologic surgeon, Dr. Paul M. Russo specializes in caring for people with kidney (renal cell) cancer; he treats people with all stages of the disease; to date, he has more than 30 years of experience and performs approximately 250 major operations each year; and

WHEREAS, With his patients best interest always his top priority, Dr. Paul M. Russo's mission is to reassure them they are in excellent hands; between his expertise, which includes partial nephrectomy for people with smaller kidney tumors, and his experienced and skillful dedicated team, their care will be customized to achieve the best possible outcome; and

WHEREAS, In addition to caring for patients, Dr. Paul M. Russo is well-known for his academic work in the field; he leads a research team at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center with surgeons, oncologists, epidemiologists, pathologists, molecular biologists, and radiologists; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul M. Russo and his team work diligently on both basic science and clinical aspects of kidney cancer; members of this brilliant team have published many academic papers and presented at both

national and international meetings; and

WHEREAS, Through his steadfast efforts, coupled with cutting edge surgical techniques, Dr. Paul M. Russo is a true pioneer in partial nephrectomy; and

WHEREAS, With the easy route never an option, Dr. Paul M. Russo has successfully saved and improved the lives of countless individuals from not only New York but all over the globe, including Commissioner Randall G. Bluth, New York State Legislative Bill Drafting Commission; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his latest achievements, his exceptional skills have earned him many other awards and accolades such as Castle Connolly: **New York Magazine** Top Doctors (2002, 2009, 2011-2012, 2015-2017); Kidney Cancer Association: Andrew Novick Award for Excellence in Kidney Surgery (2015); Nominee, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Junior Faculty Award for Excellence in Mentoring (2015); and **US News & World Report**: New York City Best Doctors (2004-2018); and

WHEREAS, Widely respected and admired by his patients and colleagues, Dr. Paul M. Russo has devoted his career to helping people with cancer and holding the lives of entire families together; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul M. Russo is also a role model for medical students and residents who aspire a career in urologic oncology; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary Sue Brady, who is also a surgeon, and his children, Grace Brady Russo, Mary Rose Russo, and Paul Brady Russo, who all show him love and support and rejoice in his countless accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul M. Russo enjoys traveling around the world and teaching as a visiting professor in many countries, some of which include: Cuba, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Italy, Ireland, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Dr. Paul M. Russo over three decades of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Dr. Paul M. Russo for his long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of his patients, as he continues to provide advanced and outstanding medical services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Paul M. Russo upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Top Doctor, and the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award after many years of distinguished service as a Urologic Surgeon at Sidney Kimmel Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Dr. Paul M. Russo.