

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of Mercy Flight
Central

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those organizations that contribute substantially to the health and well-being of their communities, thereby enhancing the well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Mercy Flight Central; and

WHEREAS, Established by Douglas H. Baker, owner and operator of LaSalle Ambulance, Mercy Flight Central was founded as a non-profit organization in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Flight Central was the pioneer air-medical service in New York State and one of the first operations of its kind in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Beginning with one base and a leased helicopter in Buffalo, New York, Mercy Flight Central now has three bases, each with a helicopter that can travel up to 150 miles from the base, and a dedicated staff, allowing the service to operate non-stop, every hour of every day throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, The success of Mercy Flight Central is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President and CEO, James L. Cox, the distinguished Board of Directors, and the hardworking and dedicated team of approximately 70 employees, all of whom are considered integral parts of the success of Mercy Flight Central; their involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Flight Central has served more than 15,000 patients, often providing life-saving emergency medical support from their helicopters before delivering a patient to a hospital; they have truly fulfilled and continue to fulfill their mission of being devoted to integrity, compassion, and excellence in providing critical care to the sick and injured; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional organization and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, and in communities across the state, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Mercy Flight Central; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James L. Cox, President and CEO, Mercy Flight Central.