

Senate Resolution No. 990

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Dr. John D. Bennett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. John D. Bennett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath, to be celebrated at its 25th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2021, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lifepath is dedicated to keeping older neighbors and friends healthy and safe by providing effective programs and support to help them stay connected to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives (after turning 60 years-old); Dr. John D. Bennett is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John D. Bennett, MD, FACC, FACP was named President and CEO of CDPHP in July of 2008, after serving more than 10 years as chair, vice chair, and board member of the Capital Region's leading not-for-profit health plan; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Dr. John D. Bennett, CDPHP has been recognized as one of the top-rated plans in the nation, and has been named one of the Best Companies to Work for in New York for 12 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining CDPHP, Dr. John D. Bennett served as founding member and CEO of Prime Care Physicians, PLLC; during his tenure, he co-lead a team of 25 cardiologists and helped grow the practice to a 100-physician multi-specialty group; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man is board certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Internal Medicine, with subspecialties in internal medicine and cardiology; he earned his medical degree at SUNY-Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, and a Bachelor of Science degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, John D. Bennett completed an internship and residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Albany Medical Center; he is a Fellow of the American College

of Cardiology and the American College of Physicians; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Dr. John D. Bennett is currently board chair for the Center for Economic Growth and the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC), and co-chair of the Palace Theatre board; he also serves on the boards of the Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP), America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and The Sage Colleges; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. John D. Bennett is a member of the New York Public Health and Health Planning Council, a position he was appointed to by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, Well-known locally and nationally for advancing health care innovation, Dr. John D. Bennett was recently named to the Tech Valley Business Hall of Fame; prior to that, he was awarded the 2016 Marketer/Communicator of the Year award by the Capital Region chapters of the American Marketing Association and Public Relations Society of America; and

WHEREAS, That same year, Dr. John D. Bennett was also awarded the 2016 Promoting the Advancement of Technology in Healthcare (PATH) Award from the New York e-Health Collaborative (NYeC); and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. John D. Bennett has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. John D. Bennett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. John D. Bennett.