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CONGRATULATING Helen Arteaga Landaverde, MPH upon the occasion of her promotion to CEO of New York City Health and Hospitals/Elmhurst

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 congratulate Helen Arteaga Landaverde, MPH upon the occasion of her promotion to CEO of New York City Health and Hospitals/Elmhurst; and

WHEREAS, Helen Arteaga Landaverde has given tirelessly of her time and energies to the communities of Queens, New York, for more than two decades, helping to bridge challenges to high-quality healthcare and social services that further improve overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in Corona, Queens, Helen Arteaga Landaverde understood the role health care has on a community from an early age and dreamed of establishing a community health center which would provide quality health care to local residents; and

WHEREAS, Following the death of her father, Helen Arteaga Landaverde set out to build the center in her beloved Corona; working with Our Lady of Sorrows Church and other community leaders, she made her dream a reality, opening Plaza del Sol Family Health Center in June of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Helen Arteaga Landaverde, last year Plaza del Sol provided care to more than 29,000 patients regardless of their ability to pay; furthermore, the health center was dedicated in her father's memory in 2014; and

WHEREAS, For 15 years, Helen Arteaga Landaverde has also served Urban Health Plan, a system of community health centers, most recently as Assistant Vice President of the Queens Network and Executive Initiatives which began six years ago; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, in March of 2016, Helen Arteaga Landaverde was appointed to the New York City Health and Hospitals Board of Directors and to the NYU Alumni Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, With a deep personal connection to the health system and communities she will serve, Helen Arteaga Landaverde, in her new role as CEO of New York City Health and Hospitals/Elmhurst, will help lead the hospitals' response to the novel coronavirus, addressing the ongoing public health challenges some of the City's hardest hit communities in

Queens continue to face; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Helen Arteaga Landaverde will also continue to grow innovative programs and re-engineer processes to increase access to affordable and comprehensive health care for all patients; and

WHEREAS, Helen Arteaga Landaverde holds a bachelor's degree from New York University and a Master of Public Health degree from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; this gifted woman went on to earn a fellowship with the National Hispanic Leadership Institute and Harvard Kennedy School of Government in September of 2010; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, she is currently completing her doctoral degree at CUNY School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious career, Helen Arteaga Landaverde has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades; she was one of 31 women selected by the New York City Commission on Women's Issues to be featured in "NYC Women: Make it Here, Make it Happen," a series highlighting women who make a difference in their communities; this incredible woman also received the Community Impact Award, Humanitarian Award, and City of New York American Dreamer Award; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in her profession, Helen Arteaga Landaverde has proven herself to be a great asset to the medical field 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, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate Helen Arteaga Landaverde, MPH upon the occasion of her promotion to CEO of New York City Health and Hospitals/Elmhurst; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Arteaga Landaverde.