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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the building of the Castle Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center on September 15, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those institutions which have faithfully served the health needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the building of the Castle Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center to be celebrated at an event on Friday, September 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, With the support of Hamilton Fish Sr. and numerous residents of the State of New York, the Castle Point Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center was built in 1923, as a place of hope for men and women who suffered from tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, Located on the banks of the Hudson River just 65 miles north of New York City in the Village of Wappingers Falls, the Castle Point VA Medical Center first opened its doors to the public in 1924, and became a major employer for residents of the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Castle Point VA Medical Center has evolved from its humble beginnings into a general hospital which delivers a wide range of modern, progressive health care services such as intermediate medicine, rehabilitation medicine and spinal cord injury care to the meritorious veterans of the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, The success of Castle Point VA Medical Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of its leadership, board of directors and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Venerable and trustworthy institutions, tending to the needs of the community and its citizenry, represent the threads from which the fabric of society is woven; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize the benevolent good works of health care institutions, sharing the pride of its history and accomplishments, and anticipating its future of continued growth in quality and personalized care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to extend congratulations and just tribute to Castle Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center, commemorating its century of service and care on behalf of the Hudson Valley community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Castle Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center.