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CONGRATULATING Dr. Karl Kranz upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 36 years as Executive Director and Staff Counsel to New York State Chiropractic Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of 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 Dr. Karl Kranz upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 36 years of dedicated service to the New York State Chiropractic Association; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Dr. Karl Kranz worked diligently to support the mission of the New York State Chiropractic Association which is to remove any barriers that prevent patients from accessing the services of doctors of chiropractic and provide a unified voice to protect and advocate for doctors of chiropractic, chiropractic patients, and the chiropractic profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karl Kranz earned his Doctor of Chiropractic, summa cum laude, and served as the class salutatorian from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in 1981; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Dr. Karl Kranz became the Executive Director of the New York State Chiropractic Association, charged with serving as the Chief Executive Officer and managing the operations and affairs of the Association; and

WHEREAS, In his role as Executive Director, Dr. Karl Kranz has hired and managed staff, prepared annual budgets, assembled hundreds of meetings involving the Association, supervised planning and agenda development for meetings, reviewed contracts, and advised on issues of importance to the profession and Association; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Dr. Karl Kranz returned to academics and earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the State University of New York, University at Buffalo, John Lord O'Brian Hall School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karl Kranz also became the General Counsel for the New York State Chiropractic Association where he worked closely with legislative counsel to assist in the drafting of legislation for the Association's legislative agenda, helped with the drafting of memos in support of, and opposition to, state and federal legislation, and tracked and reported changes in state and federal healthcare and insurance laws; and

WHEREAS, Prior to pursuing his chiropractic and legal careers, Dr.

Karl Kranz showed the ultimate bravery and sacrifice by enlisting in the United States Army Signal Corps and served a full tour, which included his stationing in Vietnam and Thailand, during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karl Kranz continued to show his dedication and support for others when he earned his Emergency Medical Technicians--Basic (EMT-B) certification and served as an EMT for more than a decade, further showing his compassion and embracing actions of the most heroic magnitude; and

WHEREAS, An expert in his chosen fields, Dr. Karl Kranz has served as a valued advisor and confidant to many colleagues throughout approximately four decades of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karl Kranz has shared his expertise and knowledge by volunteering and serving on numerous committees for both chiropractic and legal associations, acting as a presenter, panelist, and participant for countless panels, forums, and entities; he has also extensively written and published works on topics that are important to the chiropractic profession, including scope of practice, insurance and contract issues, and spinal care; and

WHEREAS, The expertise and knowledge that Dr. Karl Kranz possesses have been recognized over the years through the conferring of various awards and recognitions, including meritorious service awards, distinguished service awards, awards of excellence, and most significantly, the Ernest G. Napolitano Award, which is the highest honor bestowed by the New York State Chiropractic Association, in recognition of selfless contributions to the Association and the profession; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Dr. Karl Kranz will be afforded more time with his beautiful bride of 46 years, Antoinette Kranz, who will also retire from her position of Administrative Assistant with the New York State Chiropractic Association, thereby allowing the couple to spend more time with their family and friends, including their two children, Christian and Gabrielle, and to travel the world together; and

WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Dr. Karl Kranz has rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the New York State Chiropractic Association; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Dr. Karl Kranz has earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of his clients, patients, and colleagues; his leadership and expertise will be deeply missed by those with whom he worked; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Karl Kranz upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 36 years as Executive Director and Staff Counsel to the New York State Chiropractic Association and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

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

transmitted to Dr. Karl Kranz.