

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Victor Gaines upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Foundation for Vassar Brothers Medical Center on September 26, 2009

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor Gaines has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Victor Gaines upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Foundation for Vassar Brothers Medical Center at its 20th Annual Diamond Gala to be held at the FDR Library on Saturday, September 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1952, at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, Dr. Victor Gaines grew up with his three sisters, Marjorie, Deborah, and Barbara, on the south shore of Long Island's Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor Gaines graduated from Bay Shore High School in June 1970; he then went on to attend Brown University where he graduated with a major in Psychology in 1974; at his parents' urging, he applied to and was accepted at New York Medical College; he obtained his MD degree in the spring of 1978, and then started an Internal Medicine internship at the Northern Division of the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, While interning, Dr. Victor Gaines quickly realized he did not want to be a doctor; however, he realized he had a talent for analyzing images and solving the puzzles of diagnostic medicine; as a result, he enrolled in a three-year radiology residency at Temple University Hospital; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Dr. Victor Gaines found he was also very adept at manipulating wires and catheters; this was a time of great excitement and innovation in a new subspecialty and so he completed a Fellowship in what was then known as Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his entire medical career, Dr. Victor Gaines has been with the Radiology practice now known as DRA Imaging PC; its in-hospital component began and is still centered at Vassar Brothers Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor Gaines was the first to perform many "noninvasive" modern medical procedures such as thrombolysis and metallic stent placement at Vassar; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor Gaines served as Assistant Director of the Radiology Department at Vassar Hospital from 1992 to 1997, then became Director and held that position until 2004; since 2000, he has been DRA's President and CEO; he is also the Director of Imaging at Sharon Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his efforts of in-depth magnitude, Dr. Victor Gaines has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; in 2000, he was a recipient of the Vassar Medical Center "Doctor of the Year" award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor Gaines has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Victor Gaines has stood constant in dignity; good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Linda, his sons, Daniel, Jacob, and Jonathan as well as his daughters, Pamela (Adam), Hilary, and Marissa, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Victor Gaines upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Foundation for Vassar Brothers Medical Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Victor Gaines.