

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Morton Coleman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Congregation Anshe Sholom on June 13, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Morton Coleman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Congregation Anshe Sholom at its Testimonial Dinner held on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at The Hilton Rye Town, Rye Brook, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Dr. Morton Coleman has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 15, 1939, to Bessie Levin and Isadore Coleman, in Norfolk, Virginia, Dr. Morton Coleman attended Taylor Elementary School, Blair Junior High School, and Maury High School in Norfolk, graduating at the age of sixteen; he attended what was then called William and Mary in Norfolk (now Old Dominion University), receiving his Associate of Arts Degree in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morton Coleman then transferred to Johns Hopkins University where, after one year, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in 1959; he went on to attend The Medical College of Virginia School of Medicine in Richmond, graduating second in his class in 1963, and winning awards in surgery and medicine as the top student; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Morton Coleman was a junior inductee into Alpha Omega Alpha, the honorary medical society similar to Phi Beta Kappa; during the summer he worked at DePaul Hospital in pathology, where Dr. Arnold Strauss took him under his wing, became a true mentor, and encouraged him to continue his medical studies; following medical school, he went on to internship and complete his first year residency at Grady Memorial Hospital, the main teaching hospital of Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morton Coleman proudly served in the United States military as part of the Berry Plan for doctors; he was assigned to the USS Sylvania, in Naples, Italy, a ship of the Sixth Fleet; while at sea, being the only doctor sometimes for a small flotilla, he was assigned to fly rescue with a helicopter contingent on board ship; following a year and a quarter at sea, he was reassigned to Bethesda Naval Hospital, just outside of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In July 1967, Dr. Morton Coleman moved to the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center (now New York Presbyterian Hospital), where he remains and continues to practice, specializing in lymphoma, myeloma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia; he is Director of the Center for Lymphoma and Myeloma and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Weill-Cornell Medical College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morton Coleman is an internationally known oncologist, who has developed innovative treatments for hematologic malignancies, which are now used as standard therapy throughout medicine; he has authored hundreds of scientific publications; has lectured throughout the world; has served as chairman, president, or member of numerous prestigious scientific, medical, and non-profit organizations, their

committees and subcommittees; he has also helped found a number of scientific and medical companies; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his efforts of in-depth magnitude, Dr. Morton Coleman has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including those from Old Dominion University, The Cure for Lymphoma Foundation, The New York Cancer Society, and the Lymphoma Research Foundation, the latter for which he serves on the executive committees of the lay and scientific boards and chairs the education and medical affiliates boards; he is also annually named as one of the Best or Top Physicians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Rye, New York, Dr. Morton Coleman is a devoted member of Congregation Anshe Sholom, where he 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, With him throughout have been his wife, Joyce, their children, Ingrid, Benjamin, and Abigail, as well as their three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Anneliese, and Brennan, 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. Morton Coleman has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 commend Dr. Morton Coleman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Congregation Anshe Sholom on June 13, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Morton Coleman.