

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his work on Project Chernobyl

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his work on Project Chernobyl; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on June 15, 2011, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Daniel Igor Branovan, M.D. emigrated to the United States from the then Soviet Union; he is a graduate of Haverford College, the Stanford University School of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Currently serving as the Director of Thyroid Center and Director of Rhinology Division at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan has practiced at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as one of the most outstanding physicians and surgeons in his specialty by numerous publications, Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan is the only Russian-speaking specialist in New York to be repeatedly named to the prestigious list of "Best Doctors in America" by NEW YORK MAGAZINE; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan is also a Founder and President of Project Chernobyl, an organization established in 2007 to address the growing frequency of thyroid cancers among hundreds of thousands of immigrants in New York City from the affected regions in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia after exposure during the Chernobyl nuclear accident; and

WHEREAS, Project Chernobyl has expanded its scope to regions in New York State with markedly increased thyroid cancer rates among the general population; a new project, "Project 9/11 - Chernobyl in Your Backyard," offers a cost-effective method of screening 9/11 first responders for thyroid cancer; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan has organized and Co-Chaired a series of international symposiums at the United Nations on the medical consequences of both the Chernobyl nuclear accident and recent Fukushima nuclear accident in Japan; and

WHEREAS, Currently serving as President of American Forum of Russian-speaking Jewry/RAJI, the leading umbrella organization for immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan is also a Co-President of the United Russian American Political Action Committee for New York State; he serves as Board Member and Chair of the Russian Division of the American Jewish Committee and is a founding member of "Doctors Against Terrorism"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

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

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for

this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan and to Project Chernobyl; 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 recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his work on Project Chernobyl; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan.