

Senate Resolution No. 1356

**BY:** Senator MONTGOMERY

**COMMENDING** Ralph Ruggiero, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation for special honor at Doctor's Recognition Day on March 29, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ralph Ruggiero, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc., the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn and the Richmond County Medical Society, to be celebrated at its Doctor's Recognition Day on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Ralph Ruggiero is the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, Dr. Ralph Ruggiero oversees the department which provides more than 40,000 women's health visits at five locations, and provides clinical oversight and leadership for the attending physicians, non-physician providers, residents and health professions students; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Ralph Ruggiero also serves as President of the Medical Staff and Medical Director of Ambulatory Services for Wyckoff Heights Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS,** After receiving his Doctor of Medicine from the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, School of Medicine in 1979, Ralph Ruggiero completed his residency at Lutheran Medical Center in 1984; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Ralph Ruggiero spent the first 22 years of his illustrious medical career in private practice before serving as the Network Chief of Women's Health at the Lutheran Family Health Centers; and

**WHEREAS,** This esteemed man has also held numerous academic positions and is currently an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at several accredited universities, both nationally and internationally; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Ralph Ruggiero is a Diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology and serves as a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; he is the Chair of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology's (ACOG) Section 2, and is also a member of ACOG's Legislative committee; and

**WHEREAS,** In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Dr. Ralph Ruggiero's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his tenure, Dr. Ralph Ruggiero has continuously displayed initiative and an unrelenting commitment when pursuing the highest of goals, and he has served as a role model of leadership to be emulated by all; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ralph Ruggiero, M.D. upon the occasion of his designation for special honor at Doctor's Recognition Day on March 29, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph Ruggiero, M.D.