Senate Resolution No. 1010

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the 102nd Anniversary of Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, on April 11, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those institutions which have faithfully served the health needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 102nd Anniversary of Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center opened its doors to the public for the first time on April 11, 1921, with one building housing 75 beds between the neighborhoods of Brownsville, East New York, and Canarsie; and

WHEREAS, Originally called the Brownsville and East New York Hospital, it was renamed Beth-El Hospital in 1932; at this time, the hospital, under the directorship of Jacob Rutstein, greatly expanded its facilities; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, the hospital was renamed Brookdale Hospital, and in 1971, it became the Brookdale Hospital Medical Center; in 1993, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center opened the first designated long-term AIDS center in Brooklyn, which was later named the Treatment for Life Center; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Brookdale Hospital Medical Center is one of Brooklyn's largest voluntary nonprofit teaching hospitals and a regional tertiary care center, serving most of Eastern Brooklyn; it provides 24-hour emergency services, numerous outpatient programs, and long-term specialty care; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center has one of Brooklyn's largest full-service emergency departments and one of 15 Level 1 Trauma Centers in New York City; it is also one of 14 New York State DOH-designated Stroke Centers in Brooklyn, and provides numerous outpatient Ambulatory care services in both on-campus and off-site facilities; and

WHEREAS, The success of Brookdale Hospital Medical Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of its administration, and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Venerable and trustworthy institutions, tending to the

needs of the community and its citizenry, represent the threads from which the fabric of society is woven; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize the benevolent good works of health care institutions, sharing the pride of its history and accomplishments, and anticipating its future of continued growth in quality and personalized care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to extend congratulations and just tribute to Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, commemorating its 102nd Anniversary of service and care on behalf of the Brooklyn, New York community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brookdale Hospital Medical Center.