Senate Resolution No. 1014

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the 98th Anniversary of the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

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 98th Anniversary of the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center can trace its earliest origins to the mid-1920s, when the Daughters of Israel - Home for the Incurables, a relief organization, elected Max Blumberg, a prominent businessman, banker, and philanthropist, as their president on January 4, 1925; and

WHEREAS, By June 1925, Blumberg proposed the development of a facility that would house these ailing residents; he and the organization recognized there was a considerable need for such a facility in Brooklyn, and so decided to start an institution in which such long-term patients, who could not be cared for adequately in their homes, might get all the special care and attention they needed; and

WHEREAS, Today, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center has grown to encompass four major clinic centers, including the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center, Bone & Joint Center, Neurosciences Institute, and Kingsbrook Rehabilitation Institute; and

WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center, comprising Inpatient Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, and Outpatient Behavioral Health, specializes in the care and treatment of a variety of behavioral health issues; and

WHEREAS, The Bone & Joint Center offers joint replacement, sports medicine, foot/ankle and upper extremity services, as well as the treatment of hip fractures and arthritis; and

WHEREAS, The Neurosciences Institute offers comprehensive care for conditions ranging from brain tumors, aneurysms, and pituitary tumors, to conditions of the spine including spinal tumors, disc herniations, and spinal fractures; and

WHEREAS, Kingsbrook Rehabilitation Institute treats the most complicated neurological and musculoskeletal conditions, and is home to Brooklyn's only New York State-approved Brain Injury and Coma Recovery Unit; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, located in the East Flatbush neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York, the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center is a 303-bed full-service community teaching hospital with an estimated 2,100 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated doctors, nurses, support staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; 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 commemorate the 98th Anniversary of the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York.