

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Sitrin
Health Care Center

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions whose dedication to serving others has enriched the lives of countless individuals and strengthened the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Sitrin Health Care Center, celebrating 75 years of health, healing, innovation, and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, Sitrin Health Care Center traces its origins to 1951, when Hymen Sitrin, his wife Clara Sitrin, and sister-in-law Florence Sitrin established a six-bed residence to provide around-the-clock care for elderly and infirm members of the Jewish faith, naming the facility in memory of Charles Theodore Sitrin; and

WHEREAS, What began as a small act of compassion and community service quickly grew into a vital healthcare institution dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of Central New York residents; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 75 years, Sitrin has expanded from a modest residence into a nationally recognized healthcare organization serving individuals of all faiths, backgrounds, and abilities through a broad continuum of care and support services; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Sitrin has consistently demonstrated a commitment to innovation, becoming the first provider in the region to offer numerous services, including a medically affiliated Adult Day Health Care program, residential housing for medically complex individuals with intellectual disabilities, and the first Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility in the Tri-county area; and

WHEREAS, Sitrin has further enhanced the quality of life for countless individuals and families through the development of childcare services, outpatient rehabilitation programs, dental care services, assisted living opportunities, and specialized residential care; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Sitrin launched the Sitrin STARS adaptive sports program, providing opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities to participate in athletic competition and recreation while fostering confidence, independence, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, The organization has continued to expand its leadership in healthcare through the development of innovative long-term care models, rehabilitation services, and specialized treatment programs, including one of only a few NeuroCare Units in New York State serving individuals

affected by ALS and Huntington's disease; and

WHEREAS, Sitrin has also demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the men and women who have served our Nation through its military rehabilitation program, providing specialized care and treatment to post 9/11 veterans and injured service members at no cost to the patient; and

WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, Sitrin Health Care Center has remained steadfast in its mission to provide exceptional care, comfort, dignity, and hope to those facing illness, injury, disability, and the challenges of aging; and

WHEREAS, The success and longevity of the Sitrin Health Care Center stands as a testament to the vision of its founders and the dedication of its trustees, administrators, physicians, nurses, therapists, caregivers, staff members, volunteers, and supporters who have carried forward its mission of service; and

WHEREAS, As Sitrin Health Care Center celebrates its 75th Anniversary, it is fitting to recognize the organization's extraordinary legacy of compassion, innovation, and service, and to honor its enduring contributions to the health and well-being of the people of Central New York and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Sitrin Health Care Center and to recognize its remarkable history of healthcare excellence, community service, and dedication to improving the lives of others; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the leadership, staff, residents, patients, and supporters of the Sitrin Health Care Center in recognition of this significant milestone.