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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Robert Taub, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Collaborator Award by the American Cancer Society

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Robert Taub, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Collaborator Award by the American Cancer Society at its Second Annual Awards in Medical Excellence reception on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at the Westin New York at Times Square in New York City; and

WHEREAS, A leader within the medical community, Dr. Robert Taub is receiving this meritorious award for his significant contributions to the fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, Robert N. Taub, M.D., Ph.D. is the Vivian and Seymour Milstein Family Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University's Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, He also holds the esteemed position of Director of Columbia's Mesothelioma Center, and is the Attending Oncologist of Columbia University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Taub is a medical oncologist and hematologist with a special interest in the diagnosis, clinical care, and investigation of patients with malignant mesothelioma and soft tissue sarcoma; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable doctor received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yeshiva University, in New York, and a medical degree from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, He then received a fellowship, training at New England Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts, and earned his Ph.D. degree from London University in the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology, Oncology,

and Allergy-Immunology, Dr. Robert Taub has served as: Assistant through Associate Professor of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York; Professor and Chairman of Medical Oncology, and American Cancer Society Professor of Clinical Oncology, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond; and Professor of Clinical Medicine and Co-Director, Columbia University Comprehensive Cancer Center; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in his profession, Dr. Robert Taub has proven himself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of numerous committees and organizations, including the American Society of Clinical Investigation, American Society for Clinical Oncology, and Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Robert Taub has been the recipient of awards from the Israel Cancer Research Fund and Mount Sinai Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Under his luminous direction, the Columbia Mesothelioma Center is developing unique new treatment algorithms utilizing intracavitary chemotherapy for multimodal treatment of abdominal mesothelioma and for lung-sparing treatment of pleural mesothelioma; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Dr. Robert Taub, who have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication in performing vital medical research to bring us closer to eradicating deadly diseases such as

cancer, are worthy and due the highest commendation for their contributions to all of humanity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Robert Taub, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Collaborator Award by the American Cancer Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Robert Taub, Ph.D.