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It is my pleasure to celebrate Urban Health Plan on your 45th anniversary of serving the borough of The Bronx. I could not be more proud to continue to partner with Urban Health Plan in our Assembly District. I am also thrilled to wish Dr. Richard Izquierdo a very happy 90th Birthday. I can recall walking the halls of the Dr. Izquierdo School of Health and Science and seeing the students in their burgundy uniforms, a testament to Dr. Izquierdo's lifetime of work to benefit the lives of Bronxites. To Dr. Izquierdo, Ms. Hernandez and the entire Urban Health Plan family, I thank you for the extraordinary impact of your selfless efforts, that improve lives each day.

Congratulations to your honorees: Angela Fernandez, New York State Human Rights Commissioner, as well as EClinicalWorks and Montefiore Medical Center. The positive impact that each of you are making on The Bronx and across our city is immeasurable, and, my team and I are grateful for your continued service.

As we move together towards the future my vision for the 3 E's: Economic Development, Education and Equity, resonates now more than ever as we know that Bronxites are faced with challenges of inadequate healthcare and social service options. I have had the opportunity to be a firsthand witness to the tremendous work and services that Urban Health Plan has provided to countless individuals in the South Bronx. Dr. Nyamekye has not only served as my Primary Care Physician, but, he has also been a resource for my mother to make sure that any medical needs she has had are taken care of well. I am incredibly grateful for your impact on my life and the lives of those dearest to me.

When I think back on the Back To School events that Urban Health Plan has hosted or seeing your contingency at the Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade, I know that we cannot ask for a better community partner than Urban Health Plan. You have stood on the front lines in our neighborhoods to ensure that Bronxites improve their health and overall wellbeing. To the leadership of Urban Health Plan, I thank you for the formidable impact you have had on countless lives. Congratulations on 45 years of phenomenal service, and, I look forward to continuing to partner with you as we continue #BuildingABetterBronx.

Sincerely,

Assembly Member Michael A. Blake