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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bonnie Lasinski for her outstanding advocacy and promotion of Lymphedema awareness

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals committed to helping to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud, on the occasion of the observance of National Lymphedema Network's D-Day on March 6, 2013, to honor and pay tribute to Bonnie Lasinski, a dedicated clinician, educator and advocate for Lymphedema awareness and education, for her outstanding advocacy and promotion of Lymphedema awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, National Lymphedema Network's D-Day brings awareness to this, oftentimes, debilitating condition and helps find strength through collective celebration and is also set aside to honor inspirational Lymphedema patients and exceptional healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie B. Lasinski, MA, PT, CI-CS, and CLT-LANA began her advocacy on behalf of Lymphedema in 1980 as a Co-founder of the American Cancer Society Long Island Division's Lymphedema Support Group; she is currently the Clinical Director of Lymphedema Therapy in Woodbury, Long Island, New York, and of the Boris/Lasinski School, which teaches the Casley-Smith Method of Complex Lymphedema Therapy (CLT); and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Lasinski is a 1976 graduate of the PT program at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and a 1981 graduate of the master's degree program in Motor Learning at Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Lasinski began her formal education in Lymphology and the treatment of Lymphedema with Drs. John and Judith Casley-Smith of

Adelaide, South Australia, in 1992; in 1995, she assisted the Casley-Smiths in teaching their course in Complex Lymphedema Therapy treatment in Adelaide, South Australia, was certified as an instructor in their method, and established the Boris-Lasinski School, a Casley-Smith U.S. affiliate, later that year; and

WHEREAS, In June 1999, Ms. Lasinski participated in a course on Lymphedema and its treatment for physicians and therapists at the Foldi School in Germany; in the fall of 1999, she taught the first University-based course for therapists to be certified in Complex Lymphedema Therapy (CLT), at the University of Vermont; and, in June and July 2009, she presented this post-graduate 135-hour course in CLT in conjunction with the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Since 1992, Bonnie Lasinski has dedicated her practice to the evaluation and comprehensive treatment of patients with lymphatic system disorders; she facilitates a support group for persons living with Lymphedema, and has conducted numerous in-service educational programs for community hospitals and breast cancer support groups; she has made presentations at many educational conferences including those of the International Society of Lymphology, the National Lymphedema Network, International Lymphoedema Framework and the American Physical Therapy Association; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Lasinski has, in addition, co-authored three clinical studies on the treatment of Lymphedema published in ONCOLOGY AND LYMPHOLOGY, contributed case studies published in the Casley-Smith's 1997 book entitled MODERN TREATMENT FOR LYMPHOEDEMA, and was the lead author of the paper "Systematic Review of the Evidence for Complete Decongestive Therapy (CDT) in the Treatment of Lymphedema" published in

PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION in 2012; she authored the chapter on the Lymphatic System in PATHOLOGY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST published by Saunders in 2002, the revised 2009 edition and

the 2013 edition currently in press; and

WHEREAS, Highly regarded and actively involved in her profession, Bonnie Lasinski is an active member of the International Society of Lymphology and the Oncology Section of the American Physical Therapy Association; she is a Member of the National Lymphedema Network's Medical Advisory Committee and its Lymphlink Editorial Committee, a Board member and past Vice President of the Lymphology Association of North America, a founding Board Member of Casley-Smith International, and a Steering Committee member of the American Lymphedema Framework Project; and, in 2001, she was honored to have been named Oyster Bay's Woman of Distinction in Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Lasinski served on the Board of Directors of the National Lymphedema Network (NLN) from 1999 until 2005; she continues to serve on its Medical Advisory Committee, Lymphlink Editorial Committee and Scientific Conference Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Lasinski, in addition, facilitates a support group for individuals with Lymphedema, lectures at NLN Conferences, assists NLN staff answering patient questions, developed the course curriculum and teaches Lymphedema Management at the Boris-Lasinski School, mentors students and therapists interested in learning more about Lymphedema Management; she recently developed and taught a protocol for pre and post operative limb girth measurements to breast surgeons, physician assistants and nurse practitioners at a regional hospital breast health center on Long Island; she is a dedicated Lymphedema therapist and avid patient advocate; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the wellbeing and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bonnie Lasinski for her outstanding advocacy and promotion of

Lymphedema awareness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bonnie Lasinski.