

## 2015-J1193

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Western New York Perinatal Bereavement Network, in conjunction with the 10th Annual Evening to Remember on March 28, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Christine Scott, Executive Director of the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network, in conjunction with the 10th Annual Evening to Remember on Saturday, March 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event provides an opportunity for parents and families to join together in honoring their children who were lost too soon from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or early infant death; and

WHEREAS, The Evening to Remember is one of several events hosted by the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network to bring together those who have shared experiences and raise public awareness; and

WHEREAS, The ability to connect with other grieving parents while celebrating the memory of their children is an important part of the healing process; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of these exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the

historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; and  
WHEREAS, For more than 25 years, running entirely on private donations, the Western New York Perinatal Bereavement Network has been extraordinarily dedicated to providing educational support, community services and referral services to families who have experienced the loss of a child; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its Executive Director, Christine Scott, the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network established the Wings of Love Memorial Fund, which provides financial assistance to low-income families for burial and cremation expenses; the program has also created memorial gardens in several cemeteries throughout Western New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Christine Scott has given tirelessly of her efforts to develop and execute the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network's Annual Walk to Remember which pays tribute to the approximately 850,000 babies who die each year; and

WHEREAS, A professional prenatal and perinatal health educator, Christine Scott has remained steadfastly committed to educating the public and selflessly providing love and support to grieving parents and families; and

WHEREAS, Christine Scott graduated with high distinction from Genesee Community College in 1992; she went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Management from Indiana University in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Christine Scott has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Christine Scott and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christine Scott, Executive Director of the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network, in conjunction with the 10th Annual Evening to Remember on March 28, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christine Scott.