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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Deepa Manwani upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly commend those outstanding individuals within the State of New York whose life-long dedication to medical research results in groundbreaking discoveries which improve the lives of those affected by the world's most devastating diseases; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Deepa Manwani upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network to be celebrated at its 22nd Annual Woman of the Year Dinner Dance Benefit on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Grand Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network (SCTPN) has recognized medical professionals and individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for people living with Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deepa Manwani completed her residency at North Shore University Hospital, Cornell University Medical College in 1996, and received her sub-specialty training in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Mount Sinai Hospital, Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to helping those with Sickle Cell Disease, Dr. Deepa Manwani's early research efforts at Mt. Sinai focused primarily on exploring mechanisms of fetal hemoglobin reactivation with the ultimate goal of designing novel therapies for patients with Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, this esteemed physician became Director of the Thalassemia Program, and later, Sickle Cell Program at Schneider Children's Hospital in New York, where she served until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Dr. Deepa Manwani is the Director of the Sickle Cell Disease Program, Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) and Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Dr. Deepa Manwani has led quality improvement efforts at CHAM which have led to significant reductions in readmission rates and length of stay for patients with Sickle Cell Disease; and

WHEREAS, A tireless researcher, Dr. Deepa Manwani has also participated in numerous NIH studies examining the modifiers of fetal hemoglobin expression; she is currently involved in studies aimed at increased adherence to hydroxyurea and improved transition to adult care; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Dr. Deepa Manwani, who have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication in performing vital medical research to bring us closer to eradicating deadly diseases, are worthy and due the highest commendation for their contributions to all of humanity; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed individuals within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the progress of medicine and the improvement of life; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Deepa Manwani upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Deepa Manwani.