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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Sherill L. Purcell 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 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. Sherill L. Purcell 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. Sherill L. Purcell was born in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, to Grenadian parents who returned to Grenada when she was two years old; she won a scholarship to attend high school at St. Joseph's convent, and completed advanced level studies at Presentation Brothers College before emigrating to America in 1978; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Medgar Evers College, Dr. Sherill L. Purcell attended medical school at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and completed her residency in Pediatrics at Kings County Hospital in 1989; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Dr. Sherill L. Purcell started her private practice, where she continues to display a tireless love for both medicine and children, focusing on the paramount importance of parenting and patience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sherill L. Purcell has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, Dr. Purcell has been a staff member at Care for the Homeless, a non-profit organization providing healthcare to the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Sherill L. Purcell has traveled on medical missions to St. Lucia and Zambia, and has also started a scholarship fund at the medical school she attended named after her parents, Erymnrude and Francis Purcell; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Dr. Sherill L. Purcell, who have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication, have proven to be a great asset to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed individuals and institutions 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. Sherill L. Purcell 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. Sherill L. Purcell.