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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Yana Pennant upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Yana Pennant upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network to be celebrated at its 22nd Annual Year of the Woman 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, Yana Pennant earned her bachelors degree in Human Services at Audrey Cohen College and completed her Master of Social Work at Hunter School of Social Work in New York; she also holds an associate's degree from City and East London College and a Certificate in Social Work from the University of the West Indies; and

WHEREAS, A Licensed Social Worker in New York State, Yana Pennant has devoted her life to helping others, and has worked extensively with children with special health care needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Yana Pennant serves as a Social Worker/Care Coor-

dinator and Transition Navigator at the Brookdale University Hospital & Medical Center, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Comprehensive Sickle Cell Program; in addition, she is also a psychotherapist at the Family Renaissance: Center for Psychotherapy, a community-based human resource and family support agency; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman 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, Yana Pennant has volunteered her time working with children in bereavement groups and has also been involved with the Big Sisters Program; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Yana Pennant serves as a board member for the Carlton Lockleys Bennett Foundation, and is a member of the Parent In Education Committee at Hofstra University Step Program; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Yana Pennant, 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 the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being 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 Yana Pennant upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding 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 Yana Pennant.