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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard Blackwell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club on April 24, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Richard Blackwell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club, to be celebrated at its Annual Scholarship Gala on Friday, April 24, 2015, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Lancaster, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club hosts an Annual Scholarship Gala to support the Mary B. Talbert Scholarship Fund, which provides college tuition assistance to students graduating from a Buffalo Public School; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club is recognizing outstanding health care professionals in Western New York for their extraordinary service; and

WHEREAS, Richard Blackwell serves as a Research Coordinator/Health Research Specialist for the VA Western New York Healthcare System's Million Veteran Program, which partners with veterans to collect blood samples and health information to study how genes affect health; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has been a Health Science Specialist with the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, as well as a Research Coordinator for Allied Technology Group; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibil-

ities, Richard Blackwell's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, The success of the VA Western New York Health Care System is in direct correlation to the efforts of Richard Blackwell, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this vital institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Richard Blackwell has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard Blackwell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club on April 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Blackwell.