

## 2015-J1578

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sonja M. Melvin upon the occasion of her 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 Sonja M. Melvin upon the occasion of her 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, Sonja M. Melvin serves as the Medical Surgical Unit Manager for Erie County Medical Center's ICU Step Down Unit, where she is responsible for the 24-hour operation of patient care units; and

WHEREAS, A passionate activist with the Coalition of Trade Unionists, Buffalo Chapter, Sonja M. Melvin has assisted with the training of minority unionists on labor issues, as well as leadership development; and

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

ities, Sonja M. Melvin's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in her community; and

WHEREAS, The success of Erie County Medical Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of Sonja M. Melvin, 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 Sonja M. Melvin has displayed throughout her 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 Sonja M. Melvin upon the occasion of her 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 Sonja M. Melvin.