

## 2015-J2121

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Suda Bala Sharma upon the occasion of her selection as the Nassau County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Suda Bala Sharma upon the occasion of her selection as the Nassau County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Nairobi, Kenya, Suda Bala Sharma studied Nursing in London, England; she married her husband and then moved to New York in 1969; 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, A committed volunteer for almost two decades, Suda Bala Shar-

ma has devoted her life to the Massapequa community; 19 years ago, she founded three community projects, including an Annual Food Drive for Long Island Soup Kitchens and Homeless Shelters, Medicines and Medical Equipment for Roto Care, and Penny Project for Foster Children; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dave Sharma, and their three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Suda Bala Sharma is truly dedicated to assisting her fellow residents of Massapequa; she strives to promote a positive living environment for all human beings; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Suda Bala Sharma has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Suda Bala Sharma has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Suda Bala Sharma, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Suda Bala Sharma upon the occasion of being selected as the Nassau County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Suda Bala Sharma.