

## 2015-J2936

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Priscilla A. Ruffin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by East End Hospice for 25 years of leadership and dedication to end of life care

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla A. Ruffin has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Priscilla A. Ruffin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by East End Hospice for 25 years of leadership and dedication to end of life care to be celebrated at a summer gala held on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the Sandacres Estate in Quogue, New York; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla A. Ruffin graduated Magna Cum Laude from the SUNY Brockport, and earned her Master's degree in Nursing from the SUNY Stony Brook; she is a Registered Professional Nurse, and is a licensed Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry specializing in emotional trauma, grief and bereavement; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman is the founding President and CEO of East End Hospice, a free-standing community based interdisciplinary program for end of life care located in Westhampton Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious tenure, Priscilla A. Ruffin led East End Hospice during its transition from a volunteer palliative care program to a Medicare, New York State, and JCHAO certified hospice; she also developed volunteer training programs, and designed curriculum for professionals and volunteers in her field; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others, Priscilla A. Ruffin has estab-

lished innovative programs for the treatment of grief in children and adults; she is the co-founder of Camp Good Grief, a day camp for grieving children now in its 20th year; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Priscilla A. Ruffin is the co-author of JEREMY GOES TO CAMP GOOD GRIEF, a book for grieving children, and has written and lectured extensively on topics of grief, bereavement and end of life care in the professional, academic and community setting; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla A. Ruffin has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she has graciously served on the such boards as East End Community Services, the Nassau-Suffolk Health Systems, Nassau-Suffolk Health Systems Agency, Eastern Suffolk School of Music, New York State Hospice Association, the Diocesan Seminary Association's Review Board, and the Suffolk County AIDS Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Priscilla A. Ruffin 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 Priscilla A. Ruffin 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 commend Priscilla A. Ruffin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by East End Hospice for 25 years of leadership and

dedication to end of life care as its President and CEO; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Priscilla A. Ruffin.