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Senate Resolution No. 1863

BY: Senator PARKER

RECOGNIZING April 10-14, 2017, as Cancer Registrar Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing its dedicated professionals; and

WHEREAS, Cancer Registrars across the country will be recognized for their hard work and dedication during the week of April 10-14, 2017; this year's theme is "Putting the Pieces Together"; and

WHEREAS, Cancer Registrars report cancer cases to the State central registries, and are responsible for analyzing the staging of this disease and reporting the first course of treatment; and

WHEREAS, They continue their efforts with a life-long follow-up with each patient, documenting their treatment and survival; and

WHEREAS, This information is used by the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and researchers in the development of new treatments and finding the "clusters" which may be trouble spots within a state; and

WHEREAS, There are 240 hospitals in New York State reporting over 100,000 cases of cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, There are currently 422 certified Cancer Registrars in New York State; they have all received national certification, which must be maintained with continuing education; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, expertise, and dedication of these remarkable professionals are tremendous assets in the fight against cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize April 10-14, 2017, as Cancer Registrar Appreciation Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Cancer Registrars Association.