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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Siham Accacha upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Diabetes Research Institute on April 12, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend individuals whose professional commitment and dedication enhance the excellence of health care in their community and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Siham Accacha upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Diabetes Research Institute at its 7th Annual Cooking for a Cure Benefit to held on Monday, April 12, 2010, at Page One Restaurant, Glen Cove, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Diabetes Research Institute, a center of excellence at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, is a recognized world leader in cure-focused research; since its inception in the early 1970s, the DRI has made significant contributions to the field of diabetes research, pioneering many of today's techniques; and

WHEREAS, As the Chief of the Pediatrics Diabetes Program at Winthrop University Hospital, Dr. Siham Accacha has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her medical profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Siham Accacha graduated from medical school at the University of Bordeaux II in Bordeaux, France in 1992; she practiced medicine as a family practitioner in France for five years during which time she developed a specific interest in the field of pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Dr. Siham Accacha came to the United States to complete her pediatric residency at New York Medical Collage at St. Vincent's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Highly-respected and extremely gifted, Dr. Siham Accacha served as the acting Chief Resident during the last year of her residency; she graduated in 2001 and immediately went on to further her education by enrolling in the Fellowship Program in Pediatric Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Winthrop University Hospital; and

WHEREAS, During her fellowship, Dr. Siham Accacha developed a special interest for diabetes and obesity related conditions; upon graduation in 2005, she was offered a position as a full time Attending in Pediatric Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Winthrop University Hospital; and

WHEREAS, After three years as an Attending, Dr. Siham Accacha was promoted as the Director of Pediatric Diabetes Program; she works closely with Jean Corrigan, Director of Diabetes Education to improve the care of children with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Khosrow, and her two daughters, Pardiss and Saba, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the virtues of sacrifice, excellence and perseverance, Dr. Siham Accacha is a strong and pioneering role model to be emulated by all; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in her profession, Dr. Siham Accacha has proven herself to be an invaluable asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Siham Accacha upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Diabetes Research Institute on April 12, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Siham Accacha.