

## 2015-J6016

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Linda M. Riddick upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. on October 22, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the 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. Linda M. Riddick upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. to be celebrated at its Third Annual Gala on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Colonie Golf and Country Club, Voorheesville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. strives to provide resources and services to support and strengthen the development of children and families on the African continent and globally who are at risk of the devastating effects of poverty/HIV/AIDS and other opportunistic viruses; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2011, the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. has greatly benefitted not only the residents of the Capital Region of New York, but also those of Guyana, South America and Ghana, Africa by offering food, gifts, and medical supplies, hosting parties and holiday events, and providing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award will be bestowed upon Dr. Linda M. Riddick for her exceptional contributions to the field of Juvenile Diabetes, her continued active presence in her community, and her demonstrated commitment to advancing education, as well as her outstanding support of the mission of the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished academic, Dr. Linda M. Riddick is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics; throughout her illustrious career, she has treated and lectured on various subjects relating to Juvenile Diabetes including Diabetes and Obesity, Vitamin D Deficiency, Management of Type

2 Diabetes in Adolescents, Puberty in Turner Syndrome, and Pediatric Obesity and Diabetes, as well as Medical Consequences of Pediatric and Adolescent Obesity and Growth Disorders; and

WHEREAS, A highly regarded pediatrician and renowned expert on Juvenile Diabetes, Dr. Linda M. Riddick is both a National Medical Fellowship/Franklin, McLean & William & Charlotte Cadbury Award nominee and a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Inspiration Award nominee; she was also the recipient of the National Research Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the medical field and her community, Dr. Linda M. Riddick has collaborated with several organizations targeting elementary and middle school students to tackle childhood obesity; in addition, she was part of a program to provide free dental screening, and has helped build a house with Habitat for Humanity; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Linda M. Riddick upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Linda M. Riddick.