

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mabel MP Cheng, MD upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany on April 16, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mabel MP Cheng, MD upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, to be celebrated at its Annual Visionary Gala, on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1908, the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) has provided comprehensive services and programs to residents of the greater Capital Region who are blind or visually impaired; in 2015, they helped over 900 individuals of all ages across 11 counties adapt to vision loss, maximize remaining vision, achieve their goals, and expand their independence; and

WHEREAS, In addition, NABA offered screenings to over 3,300 children between 18 months and five years of age for possible vision problems; and

WHEREAS, A board certified ophthalmologist specializing in medical and surgical care of the eyes, Dr. Mabel Cheng has been providing cutting edge ophthalmic care to patients of the Capital Region for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, As part of her commitment to her patients and her community, Dr. Mabel Cheng and the NABA have been working closely together to help those who require vision rehabilitation or low vision assistance maintain their visual independence; and

WHEREAS, Mabel Cheng earned both her Master of Science and Master of Philosophy degrees in Nutritional Lipid Biochemistry from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, She then furthered her education by obtaining her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of California at Davis, where she also did her internship; she then returned to New York, where she successfully completed her residency in ophthalmology at Albany Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, After completing her residency, Dr. Mabel Cheng held the esteemed title of Chief Ophthalmic Surgeon at Community Care Physicians (CHP) and later Kaiser Permanente before entering private practice in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her thriving private practice, Dr. Mabel Cheng holds the position of Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Albany Medical College; in this capacity, she has trained and mentored numerous residents over the past 20 years and serves as the advisor to Albany Medical College's Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA); and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Dr. Mabel Cheng is the President of the Albany Chapter of the Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS); through these vital organizations, she has spearheaded numerous health fairs with Albany Medical College's students, giving them critical clinical exposure outside of the classroom while also increasing public awareness of ocular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Mabel Cheng has displayed

throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in her profession, Dr. Mabel Cheng 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 Mabel MP Cheng, MD upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mabel MP Cheng, MD.