

Assembly Resolution No. 452

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HONORING Barbara Crosier upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. Advocacy Award on May 29, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to the disability community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Crosier upon the occasion of her designation as the 15th recipient of the Annual Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. Advocacy Award presented at the 2019 Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day sponsored by the New York State Assembly Task Force on People with Disabilities and the New York State Assembly Committee on Mental Health on Wednesday, May 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. Advocacy Award was created in 2005 to honor the late Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. for his lifelong commitment to advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The tremendous efforts that Barbara Crosier has made to improve and enhance the lives of New Yorkers with disabilities are worthy of this recognition; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Crosier is the Vice President for Government Relations at Cerebral Palsy of New York State; she joined the organization in December of 1994 after having worked for the Healthcare Association of New York State and the New York State Senate Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Crosier is responsible for advocacy on behalf of and support to all of the Cerebral Palsy of New York State Affiliates, staff, consumers and families regarding legislation and public policy, and serves as liaison between the Cerebral Palsy of New York State Affiliates and the New York State Legislature, Governor's Office, New York State Agencies and Congress; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Crosier has almost 30 years of experience monitoring, analyzing and interpreting state and federal budgets and legislation; facilitating the development of legislative priorities and agenda, lobbying for or against and negotiating relevant legislation, organizing lobby days, rallies and other public education efforts, preparing and presenting testimony, position papers and policy analysis; and

WHEREAS, She responds to legislative staff and member requests on a variety of issues including supports and services for people with developmental disabilities, special education, Early Intervention, Article 28, and various issues of interest and concern to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Crosier holds a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College and a Masters in Public Policy from Rockefeller College at SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Crosier has dedicated both her professional and personal life to improving the lives of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The initiatives that Barbara Crosier strives to implement as a passionate advocate for persons with disabilities mirror the priorities that this Legislative Body has before us today, the New York State Assembly Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day 2019; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Barbara Crosier, a leader and an advocate, recognizing her labors and the promise of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Crosier upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. Advocacy Award by the New York State Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Crosier.