

BY: Senator STAVISKY

COMMENDING Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by Resolution and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Born in India and later immigrating to the United States in 1980 through the Rotary International Scholar exchange program, Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla served the Queens, New York community as a pediatrician for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla has dedicated himself to finding a solution to safely administer lifesaving care to babies born premature; through his diligent and dedicated work, he developed a mathematical formula that would allow for safer delivery of intravenous fluids and medications to premature children; and

WHEREAS, This new formula Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla created for an umbilical venous catheter (UVC) has been recognized and used worldwide; his formula has been used for pediatric doctors in hospitals and in teaching settings from Johns Hopkins to Harvard University; in 2018, the National Institute of Health cited that Dr. Shukla's formula achieved "optimum UVC tip position" and the formula was 84% accurate compared to the only 57% accuracy achieved through other methods; and

WHEREAS, This achievement has positively affected the lives of millions of children and should be justly recognized and commended by the citizens of New York State, as one of its citizens has had a profound impact on the field of healthcare expanding internationally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla has operated his own private practice for over two decades in Flushing, Queens, and has humbly served thousands of children in Queens, with a particular focus on the South Asian community; when the Children's Health Insurance Program was passed by the U.S. Congress, he opened his office and enrolled 3,000 South Asian children over a four-year period; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla has selflessly participated in a number of humanitarian efforts, including providing machinery to Bhuj, India after an earthquake in 2001; after the tsunami of 2004 in Sri Lanka, he partnered with the South Asians of NY Inc. to collect medicine, surgical supplies, and baby formula; he did the same after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, showcasing his unrelenting commitment to demonstrating compassion in all facets of his life; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla has displayed throughout his life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla.