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HONORING Isabelle Ilan for her outstanding education, research, advocacy, and fundraising efforts for lymphatic disease awareness

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals committed to helping to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor and pay tribute to Isabelle Ilan, a dedicated medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, World Lymphedema Day is an annual celebratory event to raise awareness and encourage collaboration among people living with lymphatic diseases, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and the public to collectively strive towards a world where lymphatic diseases are a global priority and ultimately cured; and

WHEREAS, Up to ten million Americans, and 250 million people worldwide, live with lymphedema and lymphatic diseases, including many that have received treatment for cancer; and

WHEREAS, Isabelle Ilan's advocacy began with a personal connection to lymphangiectasia, a rare lymphatic disease affecting the digestive system, which was diagnosed in her family member, inspiring her to become a passionate advocate for those affected by lymphatic diseases through her exceptional service to the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN); and

WHEREAS, Along with her family, Isabelle Ilan fundraised for the New York Run/Walk to Fight Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases and LE&RN's New York City Marathon Team; and

WHEREAS, Isabelle Ilan is an early investigator demonstrating dedication to the lymphatic field through her internship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and her research contributions to The Lee Lab at Cornell University, culminating in the publication of her work, an exceptional achievement for a college student; and

WHEREAS, Isabelle Ilan has promoted lymphatic disease education, research, and advocacy as an Ambassador of LE&RN, and her accomplishments amplify the mission of World Lymphedema Day, inspiring the next generation of researchers and healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Isabelle Ilan for her outstanding advocacy and promotion of lymphedema education and awareness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Isabelle Ilan and LE&RN.