

BY: Senator PARKER

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Healthy Warrior Mom upon the occasion of hosting a Blood Donation Drive, in conjunction with the 10th Annual World Sickle Cell Day Anniversary on June 19, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize events which aim to increase awareness of serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Healthy Warrior Mom upon the occasion of hosting a Blood Donation Drive, in conjunction with the 10th Annual World Sickle Cell Day Anniversary, to be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at Flatbush YMCA of Greater NY in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Marie Farrow, known as the Healthy Warrior Mom, is a holistic health and wellness speaker, Sickle Cell Mom, and educator; and

WHEREAS, After her son, Dylan, was diagnosed with Sickle Cell Anemia at birth, she used her 15 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry to help approach her son's illness holistically; she started the Healthy Warrior Mom blog to share her experiences with other Sickle Cell Moms and to spread awareness of Sickle Cell Anemia in her community; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) affects about 100,000 Americans; the disease occurs among about 1 out of every 365 Black or African-American births, and about 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic-American births; approximately 1 in 13 Black or African-American babies is born with the sickle cell trait (SCT); and

WHEREAS, SCD is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders; complications can include pain and other serious problems such as infection, acute chest syndrome and stroke; Anemia is a very common complication of SCD; and

WHEREAS, With SCD, the red blood cells die early, meaning there are not enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those events and organizations that work to serve the health care needs of citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Healthy Warrior Mom upon the occasion of hosting a Blood Donation Drive, in conjunction with the 10th Annual World Sickle Cell Day Anniversary on June 19, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Geneva Marie Farrow, Healthy Warrior Mom.