Senate Resolution No. 1533

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson upon the occasion of her installation as the first female president and Chief Executive Officer of CABS Health Network on January 31, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend distinguished individuals whose leadership, professional excellence, and unwavering commitment to public service have strengthened healthcare systems and improved the quality of life for vulnerable populations across 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 honor Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson upon the occasion of her Presidential Installation as the first female President and Chief Executive Officer of CABS Health Network, recognizing her exemplary leadership, vision, and service to the healthcare community; and

WHEREAS, Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson was appointed Chief Executive Officer of CABS Home Attendants Service, Inc. in 2017, bringing with her more than two decades of healthcare experience and a steadfast commitment to advancing high-quality, patient-centered care for elderly and disabled New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Hofstra University, Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson holds a Master of Health Administration, and previously served with distinction as Executive Director and Associate Director of Case Management at CABS, roles through which she developed a strategic vision focused on operational excellence, care coordination, and improved patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Under her dynamic leadership, CABS achieved significant organizational milestones, including securing a contract with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), contributing to the success of the New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program, and launching the CABS Care Management Agency to provide more integrated and holistic healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, During the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson demonstrated exceptional leadership by expanding services throughout New York City and Long Island and guiding the organization through a strategic rebranding as the CABS Health Network, reflecting a broader, more comprehensive continuum of care; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her professional accomplishments and contributions to healthcare leadership, Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson has been honored by the Hofstra University Master of Health Administration Alumni Association and, in 2021, was appointed to the Dean's Advisory Board of Hofstra University's School of Health Professions and Human

Services; and

WHEREAS, Guided by a deep commitment to dignity, equity, and access in healthcare, Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson has remained steadfast in her advocacy for aging in place and community-based care, exemplified by her guiding principle: "Until aging in place is an option for all, the pursuit continues"; and

WHEREAS, The Presidential Installation Ceremony of Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson marks a historic milestone for CABS Health Network and stands as a fitting occasion to celebrate her trailblazing leadership, her impact on New York's healthcare landscape, and her continued dedication to service, innovation, and compassionate care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and commend Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson, first female President and Chief Executive Officer of CABS Health Network, upon the occasion of her Presidential Installation on January 31, 2026, and to extend its highest esteem for her outstanding leadership, service, and contributions to public health and community wellbeing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sherly Demosthenes-Atkinson and to CABS Health Network as a lasting expression of the respect and appreciation of this Legislative Body.