Assembly Resolution No. 1145

**BY:** M. of A. Buttenschon

**COMMENDING** Sitrin Health Care Center upon the occasion of hosting its 22nd Annual Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sitrin Health Care Center upon the occasion of hosting its 22nd Annual Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game at Utica University's Clark Athletic Center in Utica, New York, on Thursday, April 16, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** This year's fundraising game between the Sitrin STARS wheelchair basketball team and a team of celebrity participants affords Sitrin Health Care Center the opportunity to showcase the athletic abilities of its players while advocating for individuals with physical impairments; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the years, more than $200,000 has been raised to purchase adaptive equipment, including specialized wheelchairs for basketball and road racing, and paid training and travel expenses for numerous athletes; and

**WHEREAS,** The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Sitrin STARS program which provides physically impaired individuals the opportunity to participate in various adaptive sports, including wheelchair curling, road racing, paddling, and archery in addition to wheelchair basketball; these talented athletes have competed on international and Paralympic levels, representing the United States throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mission Statement of Sitrin Health Care Center is to provide help, inspire hope, and facilitate healing to people in need through integrated, compassionate care delivered in a safe and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS,** Sitrin Health Care Center's Vision Statement is to continue to seek innovative solutions that will enable people of all ages, abilities, and circumstances to achieve their full potential for health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** This commitment that Sitrin Health Care Center maintains has resulted in the establishment of numerous organizations and programs, including senior care, NeuroCare, veteran care, medical rehabilitation, adaptive sports, special needs, community, and childcare; and

**WHEREAS,** For more than 70 years, as pioneers in various programs and services in healthcare, Sitrin Health Care Center of New Hartford, New York, has had an immense impact on its community; the health, wellness, and rehabilitation of its clientele are the focus of this organization; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 Sitrin Health Care Center upon the occasion of hosting its 22nd Annual Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the members of the community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sitrin Health Care Center.