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HONORING Jane Petty for her outstanding education, research, advocacy, and fundraising efforts for lymphatic disease awareness on March 6, 2025

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 Jane Petty for her outstanding education, research, advocacy, and fundraising efforts for lymphatic disease awareness upon the observance of the 10th Annual World Lymphedema Day on March 6, 2025; 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 general 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 worldwide, live with lymphedema and lymphatic diseases, including many who have received treatment for cancer; and

WHEREAS, A resident of New Rochelle, New York, Jane Petty's fierce advocacy began with a personal connection as a person living with lymphedema, inspiring her to become a passionate advocate for all those affected by lymphatic diseases through her exceptional service to the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN); and

WHEREAS, Jane Petty, along with her husband E. Frederick Petty, has been a supporting member of LE&RN since 2017, and a team captain and fundraiser for the NY Run/Walk to Fight Lymphatic Diseases since 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jane Petty was the inspiration for a four-year grant LE&RN received to support its Centers of Excellence program; and

WHEREAS, Jane Petty successfully worked with a New York based organization, the Salice Family Foundation, to provide LE&RN with a three-year grant to support research initiatives; she is now organizing events of like-minded advocates to support LE&RN further; and

WHEREAS, Jane Petty 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 custom 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 Jane Petty for her outstanding education, research, advocacy, and fundraising efforts for lymphatic disease awareness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably embossed, be transmitted to Jane Petty and LE&RN.