

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dorothy Malczewski, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, With deep remorse, this Legislative Body records the passing of Dorothy Malczewski, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community, on April 27, 2013, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Malczewski distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Buffalo, New York's Kaisertown, Dorothy Malczewski transformed a Polish custom into an iconic Western New York tradition, a legacy to be enjoyed by generations of families; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Malczewski was known throughout the city of Buffalo as the "Mother of Butter Lambs"; and

WHEREAS, Butter Lambs are a traditional Easter symbol in Poland; Dorothy Malczewski began making them, in her inimitable style, in the 1960s, out of her East Side home, using the wooden mold her father brought with him from Poland; and

WHEREAS, The demand for her Easter Butter Lambs became so great that, in the 1970s, Dorothy Malczewski purchased a home directly across the street from her family-owned business, Malczewski's Chicken Shop, in order to mass produce them; and

WHEREAS, Traditional butter lambs showcasing their signature festive ribbons and curls came to be sold in seven sizes in Malczewski's Chicken Shop, solidly anchoring them as an Easter tradition in the homes of many Buffalonians; and

WHEREAS, A fixture in Buffalo's Broadway Market, Malczewski's Chicken Shop was not only known for its Easter Butter Lambs, but for such other traditional Polish foods as pierogies and fresh meats; Dorothy Malczewski was sometimes called "The Chicken Lady"; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Malczewski retired from Malczewski's Chicken Shop in 2007; her prodigious work ethic and generosity earned her the respect and admiration of all she came in contact with; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Malczewski's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her husband, Raymond Malczewski, in 1993, Dorothy Malczewski is survived by three sons, Jim, Carl and Donald; and a brother, Peter Gondek; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dorothy Malczewski leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Dorothy Malczewski, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dorothy Malczewski.