

BY: Senator RIVERA

PAYING tribute to the life and community service of Francis "Al" Chapman, Chair of the Board of Directors at the Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, who passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2017

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation continue to be inspired by the efforts of individuals who exhibit a strong commitment in advocating for the communities they care for; and

WHEREAS, Francis "Al" Chapman was a dedicated community leader who spent more than 30 years devoted to helping the Kingsbridge Heights neighborhood in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, Francis "Al" Chapman emerged as a community leader in the mid-1980s and became an advocate in his community; and

WHEREAS, Francis "Al" Chapman went beyond this kind of public work and became the chair of the board of directors of the Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, a non-for profit organization dedicated to organizing neighborhood residents to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, Francis "Al" Chapman, as the chair of the board of the Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, spent many years being a good steward by ensuring that the organization and the community it aimed to serve had the necessary tools to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Francis "Al" Chapman is survived by his loving family and his larger Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association family, as well as by community members from the Kingsbridge Heights neighborhood who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, Francis "Al" Chapman, touched the lives of many through his kindness and commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of a community leader who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his Bronx community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and selfless community service of Francis "Al" Chapman who sadly passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the colleagues of Francis "Al" Chapman from the

Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association.