

Senate Resolution No. 1290

BY: Senator SKOUFIS

MOURNING the death of Frederica Warner,
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, This Legislative Body is moved to mourn the death of Frederica Warner, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; she died on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at the age of 101; and

WHEREAS, Frederica Warner was born on December 14, 1917, in the City of Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, At the young age 10, Frederica Warner became a member of Girl Scout Troop 7, where she learned to help her community, which she has done for 90 years; and

WHEREAS, After her father died, Frederica Warner left school when she was 16 years-old to help support her family; she received a General Education Diploma in 2016; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Frederica Warner founded Meals on Wheels of Greater Newburgh, a program that delivers hot, nutritious meals to homebound individuals in Newburgh and New Windsor; and

WHEREAS, Frederica Warner became a living legend in Orange County for her contributions to numerous organizations including: Habitat for Humanity, Board of Directors; the McQuade Foundation, Board of Directors; Business & Professional Women's Club, President; Human Rights Commission of Orange County; Advisory Committee of the Church Women United to the United Nations; Zonta International; and the Magenta Mammals Red Hatters; and

WHEREAS, Frederica Warner received many honors including: Trustees Award for Distinguished Service from Mount Saint Mary College; the 1992 Outstanding Community Service Leadership Award from Temple Beth Jacob; the Black Humanitarian Award from Newburgh Free Academy; the New York State Senate Woman of Distinction Award; and the Distinguished Service Award from the Newburgh Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the City of Newburgh re-named the part of Roe Street where Frederica Warner lived for many years as Frederica Warner Way; and

WHEREAS, Frederica Warner, who gave so much to Newburgh, wished for the city she loved to shine the way it did when she was a little kid; and

WHEREAS, Frederica was married to Loren Warner for 65 years; she was the loving mother of one daughter, and the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Frederica Warner leaves behind a legacy that 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 Frederica Warner, 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 Frederica Warner.