

Senate Resolution No. 1028

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Peter R. Weiss, noted political organizer, family man, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay proper tribute to individuals of great character whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity; and

WHEREAS, With its deepest regret, this Legislative Body records the passing of Peter R. Weiss on Monday, February 8, 2021, at the age of 74, noting the loss of a citizen whose purposeful life and endeavors contributed so much to elevating the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Peter R. Weiss was employed as a staff member for Senator Kevin Parker; every resident from the 21st Senate District certainly benefitted, in one way or another, from the profound dedication and valued intelligence he brought to his work as a political organizer; and

WHEREAS, Peter Richard Weiss was born to Mildred (Goldstein) and Dr. Albert Harvey Weiss on March 17, 1946, in Brooklyn, New York; he was raised in Midwood, Brooklyn, where he attended public school and then Poly Prep High School; upon graduating from public high school, he earned a degree from Long Island University, before attending Brooklyn Law School; and

WHEREAS, After leaving law school, Peter R. Weiss clerked in a law firm for three years; he then successfully passed the bar and was admitted to practice law; realizing his true passion was public service, he became an active part of the Brooklyn reform political movement; and

WHEREAS, Peter R. Weiss' focus was judicial reform and he worked hard to change elections by encouraging women and people of color to organize and empowered them by insisting the reform movement embrace diversity not just with its words but with its candidates; and

WHEREAS, Peter R. Weiss was instrumental in the election of Mike Pesce to the New York State Assembly in the 52nd A.D. and the success of Joe Ferris in what was then the 51st A.D. (now the 44th); and

WHEREAS, During this time, Peter R. Weiss started a family and was blessed with three children who he adored and would often take them with him to political meetings; and

WHEREAS, When Peter R. Weiss was not working to make Brooklyn a better place to live, work and play, he enjoyed good food and listening to rock n' roll such as Lynyrd Skynyrd; above all, he loved to spend time with his wonderful family, especially his grandchildren; he could often be found at their various school and sporting events and truly had

a special relationship with each and every one of them; and

WHEREAS, Peter R. Weiss is survived by one daughter, Leila Anne; two sons, David Alexander and Joshua Ari; and six cherished grandchildren, Caroline Marie, Georgia Michele, James Anthony, Ethan Andrew, Juliet Victoria and Emily Angelina, all of whom will never forget their beloved pop pop, grandpa and poppy; and

WHEREAS, Peter R. Weiss lived a beautiful life full of passion, love and commitment; his infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Peter R. Weiss leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing gentleman; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Peter R. Weiss, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Peter R. Weiss.