

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Mona Faison, loving mother, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Mona Faison was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Mona Faison, noting the significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Mona Catrice Faison of Brooklyn, New York, died on Saturday, May 15, 2021; she was preceded in death by her beloved father on April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Born to Patricia Powell Faison and Hebert M. Faison in Brooklyn, New York, Mona Faison graduated from Brooklyn Tech High School; she went on to receive her bachelor's degree in Science Management/Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship from the University of Phoenix before earning a Master Certificate in Organizational Leadership from Villanova University; and

WHEREAS, Mona Faison began her illustrious career in 1989 as a Customer Service Representative at Verizon, where she worked her way up to becoming Call Receipt Center Manager in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Diagnosed with a condition called Chiari Malformation and Syringomyelia in 2009, Mona Faison, a staunch advocate for sharing knowledge, began informing everyone about this rare disease; and

WHEREAS, While valiantly battling her disease, Mona Faison started her own business, Liaison Enterprises LLC, which she founded in 2008, serving as a venue and entertainment liaison and promoter; and

WHEREAS, Mona Faison also valued language, and as a poet she had a way with words; her creative spirit drove many of her passion projects; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Mona Faison gave tirelessly of her time and energies motivating and mentoring those in her community and fighting for social-economic change; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, this extraordinary woman founded P.E.A.C.E. for Peace, which provided high level support, training, and development to cultivate young men and women who were ready to become constructive participants in their lives, communities, and society; and

WHEREAS, Mona Faison was truly committed to providing direct individualized support and tools to educate and empower young people to make better choices in their lives by employing alternatives to violence and violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, For this ceaseless dedication to her community, as well as in recognition of her business acumen, Mona Faison was the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, While she was passionate about many things, above all her greatest passion was being a mother to her beautiful daughter, Jordan Monae Faison Shaw, who was born on January 12, 2007, and is the greatest achievement of her life; and

WHEREAS, Mona Faison's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through her family's vivid and happy memories; her insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Mona Faison 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 woman; she 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 Mona Faison, and expressing its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

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