

Senate Resolution No. 137

BY: Senator ORTT

MOURNING the death of Sarah Ronchetti, a pioneer career woman, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to pay tribute to an eminent woman of indomitable faith and dedication whose public service and countless accomplishments will forever stand as a paradigm and inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Ronchetti died on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at the age of 95, due to complications related to the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Lockport, New York, Sarah Ronchetti graduated from Lockport High School and attended the former St. Joseph's Catholic Church for most of her life; and

WHEREAS, The oldest female child in her family, Sarah Ronchetti was steadfastly dedicated to her family and made tremendous sacrifices while caring for her five siblings; in later years, she was a caregiver for her mother, Stefania Ronchetti, who died in 1976; and

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

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman, who never married, worked in three Lockport industrial plants, Norton Laboratories, Dittmer Gear & Manufacturing Corporation and Harrison Radiator Division of General Motors, before taking a civil service examination and joining the Niagara County Clerk's Office on August 1, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Ronchetti began her illustrious career as a motor vehicle cashier and later became a senior account clerk before County Clerk Raymond A. Beiter promoted her to deputy county clerk on May 12, 1980; and

WHEREAS, In that post, Sarah Ronchetti led the county's motor vehicle office in Lockport, a role she held until her retirement on October 4, 1991; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sarah Ronchetti has displayed throughout her life; she is survived by a brother, Salvatore Ronchetti; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Sarah Ronchetti 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 Sarah Ronchetti, and to express 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 Sarah Ronchetti.