

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Denise M. Nopper, beloved educator, 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 this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Denise M. Nopper of Brooklyn, New York, died on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Denise Mary Shannon was born on May 1, 1957, to Frances and the late Thomas Shannon; from a young age, she knew she wanted to be a teacher, and throughout her 30 years of working in education, she made incomparable contributions to empowering and improving the well-being of the students of the borough of Brooklyn; after many years of teaching, she assumed the role of Principal of P.S. 119; and

WHEREAS, As a knowledgeable and highly skilled Principal, Denise M. Nopper diligently worked to improve the quality of education at P.S. 119 by leading and supporting staff with enthusiasm, cultivating a positive and stimulating school environment for all of her students, and creating a greater sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her esteemed career, Denise M. Nopper was devoted to helping others succeed; she provided a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her father, Thomas Shannon, Denise M. Nopper is survived by her mother, Frances Shannon; two sons, Andrew (Michele) and Charles (Pauline); two daughters, Kimberly (Patrick) Palmese and, Kristin (Michael) Velasco; two grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Patrick; two brothers, Thomas (Margaret) and James (Eileen); one sister, Kathleen (Vincent); numerous other family members, and many friends, co-workers and students who will long cherish her zest for life, deep compassion, and warm smile; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Denise M. Nopper 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 Denise M. Nopper 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 Denise M. Nopper.