

**BY:** Senator KENNEDY

**MOURNING** the tragic and untimely death of Roberta A. Drury, distinguished citizen and devoted member of the 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; Roberta A. Drury was one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Roberta A. Drury, noting the significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** Roberta Anne "Robbie" Drury of Buffalo, New York, died on Saturday, May 14, 2022, in the devastating act of violence which took place at the Tops Friendly Market on historic Jefferson Avenue; she was 32 years old; and

**WHEREAS,** Roberta A. Drury grew up in Cicero, New York, where she attended Cicero-North Syracuse High School; and

**WHEREAS,** With many admirable qualities, including a contagious smile that could light up a room, Roberta A. Drury was a truly selfless woman, relocating to Buffalo, New York, ten years ago to care for her brother; and

**WHEREAS,** Roberta A. Drury had a huge heart and treated everyone like family; while she was passionate about many things, her greatest passion was spending time with her family and friends, especially during their annual trips to Wildwood, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** Roberta A. Drury'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,** Roberta A. Drury is survived by her mother, Leslie (Richard) VanGiesen; father, Philip (Jeanie) Drury; grandfather, John Traeger; siblings, Christopher (Theia) Moyer, Daniel (Ashly) Moyer, Amanda (Steve) Drury, Nicole VanGiesen, and Brett (Kimberlyn) VanGiesen; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Roberta A. Drury 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 Roberta A. Drury, 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 Roberta A. Drury.