

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the tragic and untimely death of Geraldine Talley, devoted mother, loving sister and distinguished citizen

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; Geraldine Talley was one such individual; and

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

WHEREAS, Geraldine "Gerri" Chapman Talley 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 62 years old; and

WHEREAS, Born June 3, 1959, in Grove Hill, Alabama, to the late Fannie Beatrice and James Chapman, Geraldine Talley moved to Buffalo, New York, with her family in 1971; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Geraldine Talley graduated with a degree in secretarial science from Bryant & Stratton College; and

WHEREAS, While she was passionate about many things, above all her greatest passion was being a mother; she loved spending time with family, sitting by the water and baking; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Talley'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, Geraldine Talley will be remembered for her beautiful spirit, her dimpled smile and immense love for her family; she is survived by her children, Genicia Smith and Mark Talley, Jr. (Rosh-Neke D. Talley); and stepdaughter Marquish Jacobs; three sisters; one brother; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Geraldine Talley 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 tragic and untimely death of Geraldine Talley, 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 Geraldine Talley.