

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the tragic and untimely death of Katherine Massey, beloved sister, renowned community advocate 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; Katherine Massey was one such individual; and

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

WHEREAS, Katherine "Kat" Massey 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 72 years old; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Katherine Massey was an ardent advocate for civil rights and education and did everything she could to lift Buffalo's Black community; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her beloved Buffalo community, Katherine Massey was instrumental in the growth of the vital grassroots organization, We are Women Warriors; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she was an active member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Buffalo, and was fiercely passionate about reducing gun violence and improving children's education; and

WHEREAS, Proficient in her history and culture and a lover of all people, Katherine Massey had a warm and welcoming spirit, as well as a beautiful and brilliant smile that could light up the atmosphere, cut through every conflict and warm your heart; and

WHEREAS, While she was passionate about many things, above all her greatest passion was spending time with her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Massey'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, Katherine Massey 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 Katherine Massey, 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 Katherine Massey.