

**BY:** Senator KENNEDY

**MOURNING** the tragic and untimely death of Andre S. Mackniel, devoted father, brother and uncle, and distinguished member of his 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; Andre S. Mackniel was one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Andre S. Mackniel, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** Andre S. Mackniel of Auburn, 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; he was 53 years old; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Buffalo, New York, on March 8, 1969, the oldest son of Lynda Mackniel and James L. Elliott, Andre S. Mackniel attended South Park High School where he played basketball and excelled in his academics; and

**WHEREAS,** Andre S. Mackniel was engaged to Tracey Maciuliwicz, with whom he lived and shared his life along with their son, Andre Jr.; and

**WHEREAS,** A loving, God fearing and family man, Andre S. Mackniel worked as a cook and was a stay-at-home dad; and

**WHEREAS,** While he was passionate about many things, including basketball, playing the guitar, writing poems and listening to music, above all his greatest passion was spending time with his family; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his fiancée, Andre S. Mackniel is survived by his five children who were his pride and joy, Shawanda Rogers (nee Elliott), Andrea Beckman (nee Elliott), LeAdrea Elliott, Deja Brown (nee Elliott) and Andre Mackniel Jr.; four brothers, Yvonne James Elliott, Marcus Elliott, Malik Elliott and Jimmy Elliott; four sisters, Andre'Anna Unique Porter, Rose White (nee Elliott), Darlissa Elliott, and Marshett Elliott; and three grandchildren; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; he is predeceased by his parents; a brother, James Elliott III; his grandmothers, Ella Manuel (nee Jackson) and Georgia Wright; and grandfathers, James L. Elliott Sr. and Robert P. Copes; and

**WHEREAS,** Andre S. Mackniel's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Andre S. Mackniel 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 man; he 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 Andre S. Mackniel, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Andre S. Mackniel.