

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Joan Furio, loving wife and mother, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to pay tribute to an eminent woman of indomitable faith and dedication whose public service and countless accomplishments will forever stand as a paradigm and inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, Joan Furio of Ossining, New York, died on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the age of 86, due to complications related to the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Joan Furio who truly upheld the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomized the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Bronx, New York, on January 9, 1934, to John and Mary Turturiello, Joan Turturiello graduated from Evander Childs High School; and

WHEREAS, Joan Furio spent her illustrious professional career as a secretary for an advertising agency in Manhattan, before working at Sarah Lawrence College in Yonkers for 17 years, during which time she enjoyed taking writing and literature classes; and

WHEREAS, On January 28, 1956, Joan married the love of her life, Joseph P. Furio, and together they raised their three wonderful daughters, Denise, Joanne and Deirdre; and

WHEREAS, While she was passionate about many things, above all her greatest passion was being a wife and mother, and spending time with her beloved family, including many dear cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Joan Furio'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, Joan Furio 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 Joan Furio, and expressing 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 Joan Furio.