

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Byron L. Brown, father of Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens from the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Byron L. Brown of Hartford, Connecticut, died on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at the age of 89, one week shy of his 90th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Byron L. Brown was born on March 11, 1931, in St. Ann Parish in Jamaica, West Indies; he was the only child of Doris Wilby and Phillip Brown; and

WHEREAS, He grew up in Jamaica and migrated to the United States in 1947, at the age of 16 to begin a different way of life; and

WHEREAS, While attending a church dance, Byron L. Brown met and later married Clarice Kirnon, on October 26, 1957; their marriage was blessed with two loving children, Byron and Andrea; and

WHEREAS, The family moved from Brooklyn to Queens in 1962; Byron L. Brown was in his element with his new surroundings; he loved to work with his hands, and often spent time tending to the lawn and gardens; he was known for having the best yard in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Byron L. Brown began working at Evans Fur Company as a Stock boy but worked his way up into a career as a Fur Buyer; he worked at Evans Fur Company for 33 years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, His magnetic personality combined with his expertise in his craft, led him to excel in his profession; many people complimented him on his skill and natural ability to choose quality merchandise; and

WHEREAS, Byron L. Brown was a man of strong opinions, and was not swayed from his convictions; his strong will made him an immovable mountain when he made up his mind about something; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man was a no-nonsense father who expected success from his children; he was funny and could be heard singing around the house; he also loved fishing and would take trips to his favorite fishing spot that he enjoyed immensely; and

WHEREAS, Byron L. Brown will be remembered as a true gentleman, a loving father and a wonderful provider; he will be truly missed by many; and

WHEREAS, Byron L. Brown is survived by his son, The Honorable Byron W. Brown and his wife, Michelle; his daughter, Andrea Brown; one

grandson, Byron III; two granddaughters, Nicole and Alonni; and one great-granddaughter, Gabriella; as well as a host of cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Byron L. Brown leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Byron L. Brown, 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 Byron L. Brown.