

**BY:** Senator KENNEDY

**MOURNING** the death of Michael A. Fitzpatrick, former longtime Erie County Legislator, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

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

**WHEREAS,** Michael A. Fitzpatrick of Angola, New York, died on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the age of 72; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael A. Fitzpatrick was the son of a policeman, the nephew of a First Ward Democratic chairman, and a graduate of Bishop Timon High School; and

**WHEREAS,** A longtime leader in union and political circles, Michael A. Fitzpatrick was from South Buffalo and represented the 2nd Legislative District from 1977-2001; and

**WHEREAS,** He was a legendary figure in Buffalo and national labor, civic, and political circles; and

**WHEREAS,** As a county legislator and as a leader with the Ironworkers union, Michael A. Fitzpatrick influenced development in Buffalo for more than a generation and left fingerprints on dozens of downtown projects that served as building blocks for what we see today; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael A. Fitzpatrick is survived by his wife, Nancy (nee Garvin) Fitzpatrick; his five children, Nancy, Noelle (Michael) Colpoys, Maureen Doyle, Michael and William (Kate) Fitzpatrick; and nine grandchildren; as well as other family members and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Michael A. Fitzpatrick 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 Michael A. Fitzpatrick, 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 Michael A. Fitzpatrick.