

Assembly Resolution No. 33

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CELEBRATING the life of Marron W. McLeod,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of his
community

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Marron W. McLeod, an extraordinary gentleman of indomitable faith and dedication whose purposeful life will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, Marron W. "Butch" McLeod, as he was affectionately known, died on Friday, January 1, 2021, at the age of 78; he was the beloved son of the late Baum Jr. and Flossie (Gregg) McLeod, as well as the grand-nephew of Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune Cookman University in Daytona, Florida; and

WHEREAS, A brave United States Army veteran, Marron W. McLeod actively served during the Vietnam War era and proudly continued his commitment as a Reservist; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Marron W. McLeod was a Meter Reader Specialist with the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation in the Utica, New York area; and

WHEREAS, This gentle giant with a huge heart of gold, was a voice of reason and had a sense of humor like no other; Marron W. McLeod was a faith-loving, God-fearing prayer warrior as a member of the Hope Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church; and

WHEREAS, From an early age, his dad taught him to garden in the backyard, and as his tending of the soil and planting of the crops progressed, he established the Eagle and Miller Streets Community Garden, which was a bountiful and respected community project; and

WHEREAS, These lovely gardens that were created gained national notoriety when the Obama Administration awarded Marron W. McLeod the recognition as the Best Community Leader in the Utica area; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man was affiliated with a myriad of civic, charitable, and patriotic endeavors and memberships; his benevolence and vision transformed not only the landscape, but the lives of the people in the Utica neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Marron W. McLeod's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Baum Jr. and Flossie, his brother and best friend, Harold, his sister, Karen, and his niece, Jessica, Marron W. McLeod is survived by his cherished daughter, Shannon (Derrick); grandchildren, Ashley and Anthony; his life partner, Carol;

siblings, Mary (John) and Judge James A.W. McLeod; and his beloved sister-in-law, Pearlene; he will also be remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Marron W. McLeod 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 celebrate the life of Marron W. McLeod, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Marron W. McLeod.