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HONORING the late Stack Bundles upon the occasion of re-naming a street in Far Rockaway, Queens, in his name, in recognition of his legendary musical career and remarkable life on June 10, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay just tribute to those musical geniuses whose commitment and creative talents contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of their community, the State of New York, and the entire Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the late Stack Bundles upon the occasion of re-naming the intersection of Beach Channel Drive and Hassock Street in Far Rockaway, Queens, as a fitting and lasting tribute to both his renowned musical career and his legacy of greatness; and

WHEREAS, Rayquon Elliott, also known as "Stack Bundles", was born on October 21, 1982, in Far Rockaway, Queens; and

WHEREAS, While growing up, Stack Bundles demonstrated a love for dancing, rapping, and rollerblading; his talents were finally put on display to the world when he was placed in the music video for Busta Rhyme's song "Put Your Hands Where My Eyes Can See" and 702's "No Doubt"; and

WHEREAS, Around the age of 18, Stack Bundles started to immerse himself in the rapping scene and began freestyling; his perseverance and determination to achieve getting his voice heard led to him waiting outside the Hot97 radio station for Funkmaster Flex and eventually being introduced to rappers like Lupe Fiasco and Kanye West; and

WHEREAS, After connecting with big name artists and moving back to Far Rockaway, Stack Bundles and his friends formed a rap group called S5; this group was composed of Cau2Gs, Stack Bundles, Mike Millz, Bishop, and Bynoe; and

WHEREAS, S5 gained attention from listeners and DJ Clue from their early recordings of freestyles over "Welcome to New York City" and "Grindin"; and

WHEREAS, The group evolving into Riot Squad, with Cau2Gs, Stack Bundles, Chinx Drugz, and Bynoe, the attention from DJ Clue gave Stack Bundles and the Riot Squad the opportunity to create music for DJ Clue's mixtapes; and

WHEREAS, Stack Bundles stood out from the rest in the mixtapes as he was known for his raw and authentic lyrics that resonated with many people; he had clever wordplay and punchlines that are still relevant in society today; and

WHEREAS, The success of the mixtape made artists like Jim Jones and Lil Wayne gravitate towards the Riot Squad and Stack Bundles; Stack Bundles was featured on Jim Jones' song "Weatherman" alongside Lil Wayne; and

WHEREAS, After the song collaboration became a massive hit, Stack Bundles went on tour with Jim Jones and Lil Wayne in 2007, propelling him to a more mainstream level; and

WHEREAS, In a tragic event, Stack Bundles was sadly killed at the age of 24 on June 11, 2007; at his young age, his mark on the Hip Hop community has never been forgotten; and

WHEREAS, With his music transcending time, Stack Bundles made an impact on the world that can still be seen today; and

WHEREAS, Stack Bundles' dedication to his music leaves an indelible legacy of inspiration which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to his family, friends and countless fans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the late Stack Bundles upon the occasion of re-naming a street in Far Rockaway, Queens, in his name, on June 10, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Rayquon "Stack Bundles" Elliott.