Senate Resolution No. 212

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Gail Nesbit Coward, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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, Surrounded by her family, Gail Nesbit Coward died peacefully on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Gail Nesbit Williams was born to William Dill and Evelyn Williams in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 9, 1954, one of nine children; she received her education in the Philadelphia Public School system; later, she established her home in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Family was Gail Nesbit Coward's greatest joy, and she enjoyed being a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt; and

WHEREAS, Gail Nesbit Coward possessed many talents; she was an advocate for justice, caretaker, small business owner, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Gail Nesbit Coward was a member of organizations in New York State, including the Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, Inc., and Temple Beth El-22nd Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, To cherish her memory, Gail Nesbit Coward leaves behind her children, including her daughter, New York State Senator Lea Webb; her grandchildren; her great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Gail Nesbit Coward leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Gail Nesbit Coward, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Gail Nesbit Coward.