

Senate Resolution No. 811

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Gail Franko, 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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Gail Franko of Buchanan, New York died on April 9, 2025, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Morris Park section of the Bronx, New York on May 23, 1942, to parents Henry and Liberta, Gail Franko graduated from Our Savior Lutheran High School in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Gail Franko worked at New York Life Insurance Company in Manhattan, New York, where she met her future husband, Ted Franko; and

WHEREAS, Gail Franko distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, During her lifetime, Gail Franko worked diligently at an insurance company, a bakery, a school, was a member of the Buchanan Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and selflessly volunteered at Hudson Valley Hospital for an astounding 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Gail Franko was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Peekskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gail Franko is survived by her daughters, Dina Franko and Kara Vandivier (Bobby); son, John Franko (Tiffany); nieces, Eva and Julie Franko; she is predeceased by her parents, Henry and Liberta; and husband Ted; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Gail Franko 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 Franko, 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 Franko.