

BY: Senator STEWART-COUSINS

CELEBRATING the life and accomplishments of Richard L. Brodsky, a well-respected former New York State Assemblyman, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to public service in the pursuit of excellence in the conduct of the legislative process in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Brodsky of Greenburgh, New York, a 14-term New York State Assemblyman, died on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Richard Louis Brodsky was born on May 4, 1946, in Manhattan to William and Louise (Snow) Brodsky; at the young age of nine, he and his family moved from Brooklyn to Greenburgh in Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Ardsley High School, Richard L. Brodsky earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Brandeis University and a law degree from Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Brodsky served as a county legislator before being elected to the New York State Assembly representing the Lower Hudson Valley from 1983-2010; throughout his tenure, he was a champion of the environment, a supporter of universal internet access, and was instrumental in empowering New York State to monitor its 700 quasi-public authorities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard L. Brodsky served as Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, and in 2009, he sponsored legislation which established an independent authorities budget office, which required greater transparency of agencies that operated largely independent of state government and subjected them to greater oversight; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Brodsky is survived by his wife, Paige Massman Brodsky, two daughters, Emilyn and Willie; one sister, Vicki Wessel; and

WHEREAS, Every citizen in New York State has most certainly benefited, in one way or another, from the deep dedication, intelligence and commitment that former Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky brought to his work as a legislator and public policy-maker; loyal friend and trusted advisor, he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations in a moment of silent tribute to Richard L. Brodsky, whose unselfish concern for the welfare of others enhanced the lives of those so fortunate to have called him husband, father, colleague and friend, 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 Richard L. Brodsky.