

Senate Resolution No. 989

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Aurora M. Goncalves, devoted wife and mother, distinguished citizen and dedicated 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,** Aurora M. Goncalves of Mount Vernon, New York passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on September 25, 1929, Aurora Maria Afonso was the daughter of the late Antonio Afonso and Filomena Rosa De Miranda; and

**WHEREAS,** Aurora M. Afonso and Joao Goncalves were united in marriage on August 5, 1961; in the early 1960s, the couple emigrated to Brazil where their son, Antonio, was born in 1963; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1970, Aurora M. Goncalves and her young family emigrated to the United States and settled in Mount Vernon, where she worked in the garment industry; and

**WHEREAS,** Aurora M. Goncalves's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by her siblings, Anibal, Virginia and Ana Rosa, Aurora M. Goncalves is survived by her husband of 57 years, Joao; a son, Antonio (Darlene); two grandchildren, John and Alec; and four siblings, Delfim, Domingos, Ilidio and Florinda; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Aurora M. Goncalves 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 Aurora M. Goncalves, devoted wife and mother, distinguished citizen and dedicated member of her community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Aurora M. Goncalves.