

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Bob Pickett, beloved radio personality, former judge, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Bob Pickett was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Bob Pickett, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Bob Pickett was one of the original hosts of the WBLS public affairs program "Open Line" along with the late Bob Slade and James Mtume; he also served as Executive Producer and Producer of The Legend Music Series for KISS-FM, as well as Producer for KISS-FM's Soul Beginnings music series which won the NY Metro A.I.R. Award for Best Evening Show in 1997; and

WHEREAS, An Attorney at Law for 33 years, Bob Pickett had vast experience in complex litigation, both civil and criminal; he was also a former Judge in the Administrative Courts of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Bob Pickett was the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Garden State Association of Black Journalists Award for the Best Syndicated Show, "Visions of Black America," as Producer and Writer for the series; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was bestowed with the 1998 and 2002 New York Metro A.I.R. Award for the Best Public Affairs Program for the "Open Line" show; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Bob Pickett was Chairman and Organizing Founding Member of Black United Fund of New Jersey, now known as the African American Fund of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Bob Pickett earned a Juris Doctorate degree in 1972 from The University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he served as National Chairman of the National Black American Law Students Association; and

WHEREAS, Bob Pickett's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Bob Pickett leaves behind a legacy which will long endure

the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; 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 to mourn the death of Bob Pickett, 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 Bob Pickett.