

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**MOURNING** the death of Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson,  
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 endeavors  
served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great  
State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson, affectionately known as Strong  
Lady, of Brooklyn, New York, died on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the age  
of 84; and

**WHEREAS,** The daughter of the late Jerry Benjamin and Minnie Lee  
Waldo, Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson was born Tuesday, June 30, 1936, in  
Columbia, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** Educated in the Columbia public school system of South  
Carolina, Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson went on to advance her education,  
becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse; and

**WHEREAS,** In the early 1960s, Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson relocated to  
Brooklyn, New York, and stayed briefly with her cousin Lena Clemmons  
until she quickly adapted to her new circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** Clive Felix Wilson I, a native of Guyana, South America,  
and the former Betty Sue Clemmons were united in Holy Matrimony in  
January of 1970; they lovingly raised two children, Clive Felix Wilson  
II and Sha-Rhonda Monique Wilson; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her illustrious career, Betty Sue Clemmons  
Wilson held numerous positions and achieved many milestones; in her  
early years of living in Brooklyn, she was employed as a Nanny and later  
worked with the REO Dry Cleaner chain, where she advanced to a  
supervisory position; and

**WHEREAS,** Longing for more, Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson became an  
entrepreneur and fulfilled many of her passions while being a  
stay-at-home mom; she started her own cleaning business in the 1970s,  
and sold beautiful crystal china; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, an excellent cook, she soon opened a  
restaurant in Flatbush, Brooklyn, named Fish & Chips, which specialized  
in Southern and Caribbean comfort food and desserts; and

**WHEREAS,** This dynamic woman also worked as a Caregiver in a Group  
Home in Sea Gate, Brooklyn, helping teenagers in the early 1980s;  
additionally, after an extraordinary career which traversed many  
decades, she started to work for the New York Transit Authority as a  
Token Clerk, the esteemed position from which she retired in February of

2006; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson was honored with a Service Award for Seven Years of Perfect Attendance with the New York City Transit Authority, an achievement she was very proud of; and

**WHEREAS,** A true asset to her community, Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson gave tirelessly of her time and energies volunteering for her children's school P.S. 181 in Brooklyn, New York, where she mentored children, teaching them to read; she was also an Honored Den Mother to the Boy Scouts of America Pack 8 in Brooklyn, and worked the voting polls, committed to making sure everyone was informed about the importance of voting; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through her family's vivid and happy memories; her insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives she touched; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson 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 woman; she 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 Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Betty Sue Clemmons Wilson.