

BY: Senator SKOUFIS

CELEBRATING the life of Paul Piperato, renowned Rockland County Clerk, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to publicly mourn the death of those distinguished citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Paul Piperato of Thiells, New York, who was known for his personal touch with people and his steadfast support of civic organizations during his public service, died on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at the age of 61; and

WHEREAS, Born June 19, 1958, in Suffern, New York, Paul Piperato was the son of the late John Joseph Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Piperato; and

WHEREAS, A 1976 graduate of North Rockland High School, Paul Piperato received his bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Paul Piperato married the love of his life, Flora, on April 25, 1987, and together they raised three daughters; and

WHEREAS, Paul Piperato began his illustrious 30-year career in government in 1988 as a budget examiner in the Rockland County Finance Department before his election as Rockland's deputy county clerk in 1989; in this capacity, he was instrumental in modernizing the office and helped create a website offering online access to records, downloadable forms and user-friendly information on application procedures and requirements; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man was elected to his first four-year term as county clerk in November of 2005, the esteemed position he served with intelligence and caring dedication for the past 15 years, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, Paul Piperato truly loved Rockland County and spent his purposeful life and career tirelessly serving its residents with pride and distinction; and

WHEREAS, A man of sincere compassion and a true asset to his community, Paul Piperato gave of his time and energies to countless local organizations, including Jawonio, People to People, and the ARC Rockland Foundation, a nonprofit agency which provides life-span services for people who are intellectually and developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, While he was passionate about many things, above all his greatest passion was being with his family; he went above and beyond his duties as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, truly exemplifying the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife of 33 years, Paul Piperato is survived by his three daughters, Nicole, Jamie and Danielle; a daughter-in-law, Sarah; one grandchild, Tonks; siblings, Judy and John (Amy); cousins, Gail (Bill), Louise (Rich), Kathleen, Mary Lynn, and John "Jackie"; and nieces and nephews, Colleen (Jim), Edward (Anne), Kathryn (Mike), Kim, John, Alexa and Vincent; and

WHEREAS, Paul Piperato'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, Paul Piperato 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 Paul Piperato, 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 Paul Piperato.