Assembly Resolution No. 2003

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MOURNING the death of Billie D. Anderson, a dedicated mother, fierce advocate for justice and civil rights, and distinguished member of her 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; Billie D. Anderson was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Billie D. Anderson, noting the significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Billie D. Anderson of Binghamton, New York, died on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Born in the South, Billie D. Anderson moved to Binghamton in 1945 with her family in hopes of finding equality but was met with more discrimination; when her own son became the target of this discrimination she began advocating to diversify the Binghamton School Board and was able to bring in African American teachers and counselors; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she organized bus trips to Washington and Albany, speaking out against racism and inequality in employment, criminal justice, and education; and

WHEREAS, A trailblazer with a strong voice for disenfranchised and marginalized individuals throughout Broome County, Billie D. Anderson stood for rights, equality, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, For 30 years, Billie D. Anderson worked at Opportunities for Broome assisting individuals and families to improve the quality of their lives through the development of self-reliance, while promoting a culture of people working together to help themselves, one another, and their community; and

WHEREAS, Billie D. Anderson was a champion for civil and human rights; she fearlessly fought for equality, lending her unwavering voice to uplift the oppressed and strived for a better and more just world; her dedication to these causes knew no bounds, and her work was instrumental in revitalizing the Broome-Tioga NAACP, ensuring that the organization remained a beacon of hope for those who sought fairness, and inclusivity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, A woman of indomitable faith and dedication, Billie D. Anderson was also an active member of Trinity AME Zion Church in Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, While she was passionate about many things, above all her greatest passion was being a mother to her six children, whom she raised to always stand up for what they believe in; and

WHEREAS, A freedom fighter and leader who took initiative and founded numerous community service projects, Billie D. Anderson's tireless efforts within the local jail system and the public school system further demonstrated her unyielding commitment to helping those in need; and

Whereas, Billie D. Anderson's legacy will forever be etched in the hearts of the countless individuals she touched; her unwavering dedication, unapologetic tenacity, and profound compassion will inspire future generations to stand up and speak out for justice and combat injustice in its many forms; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Billie D. Anderson, 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 Billie D. Anderson.