

BY: Senator COONEY

MOURNING the death of Freddi Macek, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to mourn the death of Freddi Macek, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and

WHEREAS, On August 21, 1940, Freddi Macek was born to Frederick and Julianna Macek in Utica, New York, and grew up with two sisters, Susann and Jayne; she worked at a local bakery while going to school at Whitesboro High School; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Freddi Macek received her bachelor's degree in social studies from Utica College and completed her graduate work in early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, Freddi Macek spent her entire 33-year career as a 2nd-grade teacher in the Rochester City School District, touching thousands of lives and acting as a staunch advocate for her students and fellow teachers; she tirelessly stood up for anyone and everyone; and

WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Freddi Macek did not slow down; instead, she became an even stronger and more dedicated labor union advocate; for years, she worked with the Rochester Teachers Association (RTA) and the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and held both elected and appointed positions, including that of Vice-President of the RTA; and

WHEREAS, Freddi Macek continued her union work as Labor Liaison for NYSUT Retiree Council 5; she also held the position of Rochester Central Labor Council AFL/CIO Retiree Committee Chair Coordinator and passionately led the Rochester area election phone banks; and

WHEREAS, Even in her 80s, Freddi Macek would routinely travel for hours to make presentations to retiree conferences and union meetings; she shaped the union's path and inspired generations of members with her determination and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Freddi Macek is survived by her niece, Lisa, and her husband, Chris Davis; and her nephew, Joel Meyers; she was predeceased by her parents, Frederick and Julianna Macek; sisters, Jayne Meyers and Susann Mlynarski; and brother-in-law, Ray Mlynarski; and

WHEREAS, Known for her patience, humor, and boundless passion, Freddi Macek's legacy will perpetuate through every student, educator,

advocate, and friend she inspired; this community-minded, organized, determined, fun, and energetic teacher, union advocate, and leader will be immensely missed by all who were fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Freddi Macek distinguished herself in her profession and by her dedication and contribution to the welfare of her community, State, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated individuals who devote their lives to the betterment of their communities are worthy and due praise for their commitment and endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Freddi Macek leaves a legacy which will endure the passage of time and remain a 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 Freddi Macek, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Freddi Macek.