

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Deborah O. Ramsey, devoted community volunteer, cherished church member, and distinguished member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the lives of those distinguished citizens whose compassion, service, and dedication left a lasting imprint upon their families, communities, and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Deborah O. Ramsey, a longtime resident of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, died on February 1, 2026, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 10, 1953, in Greensboro, North Carolina, Deborah Ramsey was the daughter of Jeannette Foster Osborne and William C. Osborne; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, Deborah Ramsey moved with her family to Huntington, Long Island, where she completed her secondary education and began laying the foundation for a life devoted to learning, service, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Ramsey pursued higher education at the University of North Carolina and later earned degrees in English and Journalism from Stony Brook University, reflecting her lifelong appreciation for communication, education, and the written word; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Deborah Ramsey married her beloved husband, Robert Ramsey, whom she met while working together at Underwriter's Laboratories in Melville, Long Island, and together they built a loving family and enduring partnership; and

WHEREAS, Deborah and Robert Ramsey made their home in Huntington in 1980, where they raised their three sons, Logan, Tristan, and Brennan, and shared their lives with a beloved array of animals, including Alaskan Malamutes, Irish Wolfhounds, and numerous rescued companions; and

WHEREAS, A devoted mother and wife, Deborah Ramsey placed family at the center of her life and nurtured her children with unwavering love, guidance, and support; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Ramsey was a committed and active member of her faith community, serving as a Sunday School teacher for 25 years and singing in the choir at St. John's Episcopal Church, where she also contributed her time and talents to church life and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Her musical gifts and dedication to service led her to join the Huntington Choral Society, a distinguished ensemble of more than one hundred voices, with whom she sang until 2006; and

WHEREAS, After relocating to Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Deborah Ramsey became an active member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, where she continued her lifelong devotion to worship through choir participation, service on the Altar Guild, and work as a Lay Eucharist Minister; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Ramsey was deeply committed to community engagement and volunteerism, embodying a spirit of service in all aspects of her life; and

WHEREAS, A passionate advocate for cycling, she became an enthusiastic member of the Westchester Cycle Club, where she led rides, taught bicycle safety to children, and served as a joyful ambassador for the health and communal benefits of cycling; her annual Halloween rides became cherished community events, bringing together as many as one hundred participants in celebration and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Ramsey also dedicated herself to helping those in need through her volunteer service with Westchester Meals on Wheels, delivering meals to elderly residents and providing companionship that often became the highlight of their week; and

WHEREAS, Known for her optimism, warmth, compassion, and unwavering kindness, Deborah Ramsey brought joy and encouragement to all who had the privilege of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, Her life was marked by generosity of spirit, steadfast support of others, and a boundless capacity for love, leaving a legacy of kindness that will continue to inspire all who were touched by her presence; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Ramsey is survived by her loving husband, Robert Ramsey; her sons, Logan, Tristan, and Brennan; and a wide circle of family, friends, fellow parishioners, and community members who will forever cherish her memory; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Deborah O. Ramsey represents a profound loss to her family, her faith community, and the many lives she enriched through her service and friendship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Deborah O. Ramsey, recognizing with deep appreciation her lifelong dedication to family, faith, and community service, and extending heartfelt condolences to her family and all who mourn her passing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Deborah O. Ramsey.