

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Flo Hirsch, extraordinary civic leader, loving mother and grandmother, and devoted 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; Flo Hirsch was one such individual; and

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

WHEREAS, Flo Hirsch, the former president of the 63rd Precinct Community Council in Brooklyn, New York, died on Thursday, January 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Bergen Beach, Brooklyn for 55 years, Flo Hirsch served as President of the Bergen Beach Civic Association from 1983 to 2013; during her tenure, she spearheaded numerous community initiatives, such as toy drives for disadvantaged children, coat drives, disaster relief collections, and health fairs; she also organized annual events including a Children's Holiday Party, a Community Holiday Party, and a Senior Citizen Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, for over 25 years, Flo Hirsch served as the Director of Visiting Nurse Volunteer Services, where she fostered volunteerism in Brooklyn; she oversaw the creation of lap blankets, baby blankets, hats, and scarves for distribution to nursing homes, coordinated efforts to provide wigs to cancer patients, and developed programs to support new mothers and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Flo Hirsch established the ultimate benchmark for civic leadership, demonstrating through her actions how one individual can drive meaningful change and set an example for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her beloved husband, Irwin, who died on January 18, 2004, Flo Hirsch is survived by her children, Melanie (Alan), Robert, and Tara (Gary); and grandchildren, Sean (Becky), Lindsey, Cody, Matthew and Sydnee; and

WHEREAS, Flo Hirsch'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, Flo Hirsch 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 Flo Hirsch, 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 Flo Hirsch.