

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Alice Roker, beloved public servant and devoted mother and grandmother

**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; Alice Roker was one such individual; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Alice Roker, a trailblazing figure and cherished member of the Yorktown Heights community, died on February 10, 2025, at the age of 77; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on July 11, 1947, in New York, New York, Alice Elizabeth Roker lived a life marked by professionalism, community service, and an unwavering dedication to her loved ones; and

**WHEREAS,** A graduate of UCLA with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Alice Roker paved her way as a journalist where her excellence in reporting was recognized with an Emmy and a New York Broadcaster's Association award during her time at WNBC; her commitment to truth and public service led her to a distinguished career in local government; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1989, Alice Roker was elected as the Town Clerk of Yorktown Heights, a position she held with honor and diligence for many years; her role as Town Historian further showcased her love for the community and her desire to preserve its rich heritage; and

**WHEREAS,** Most notably, she became the first African American in Yorktown's history to sit on the town government, paving the way for future generations to follow in her footsteps; and

**WHEREAS,** Alice Roker's life was not solely defined by her professional achievements but also by her personal interests and the love she bestowed upon her family; she was an avid gardener, finding joy in the tranquility of nurturing growth and beauty within her surroundings; and

**WHEREAS,** Above all, Alice Roker cherished the time she spent with her family and friends, sharing in laughter and creating memories that would last a lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** Those who knew Alice would describe her as loving, wise, and kind - words that only begin to touch on the incredible woman she was; her guidance and wisdom were sought by many, and her kindness touched the lives of countless individuals in her community; and

**WHEREAS,** Leaving behind a legacy of love and leadership, Alice Roker is survived by her son, Gregory Bell; her daughter, Courtney Roker Laga; her son in-law, Wesley Laga; and her granddaughter, Sky Clara, who will carry forward her spirit of compassion and fortitude; her presence in their lives was a source of endless joy and inspiration, and her memory will continue to be a guiding light for them and all who knew her; and

**WHEREAS,** Alice Roker'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 all who were fortunate to know and love such an incredible 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 passing of Alice Roker, 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 Alice Roker.