Senate Resolution No. 498

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Carol Shanesy, STEM leader, community servant, and cherished New Yorker

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor 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 proud to mourn the death of Carol Shanesy, STEM leader, community member, and cherished member of the family of New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Carol Shanesy died on Sunday, March 9, 2025, just shy of her 88th birthday on March 29th; and

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

WHEREAS, Carol Shanesy, born in Evanston, Illinois, to Dorothy Eberhart Shanesy and Harold Dennis Shanesy, and granddaughter of Governor A.O. Eberhart, was encouraged by her parents to pursue higher education, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Denison University in 1958 and a Master of Science in Mathematics from Northwestern University in 1959; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Carol Shanesy began her career at IBM Research, contributing to the field of computer science, and later served at the Rand Corporation; returning to IBM as a Senior Systems Engineer, she supported Information and Technology innovation for the New York City Fire and Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, For her work on the computerized fingerprint database and accolades from IBM, Carol Shanesy received a Civil Commendation from the NYPD in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Upon moving to Croton-on-Hudson in 1994, Carol Shanesy became involved in her community, contributing to the creation of the Jane E. Lytle Memorial Croton Arboretum and the establishment of the Croton Housing Network; and

WHEREAS, Carol Shanesy organized countless community blood drives and was known for her generosity and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Carol Shanesy maintained bonds with her cousins, John Lampe, Ruth Ann Eberhart, Thomas Eberhart, and John Eberhart, and cherished her friendships, sharing in travel adventures and intellectual pursuits, including her mastery of the New York Times crossword puzzle;

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, Carol Shanesy 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 Carol Shanesy, STEM leader, community servant, and cherished New Yorker; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the estate of Carol Shanesy.