Assembly Resolution No. 1228

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MOURNING the death of Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. distinguished citizen and devoted member of his 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, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. of Endicott, New York, died on October 24, 2025, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico on May 28, 1949, to Julia and Salvador Vizcarrondo, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. was the fourth of eight children; and

WHEREAS, Salvador "Sal" Vizcarrondo Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, After his career as a tutor counselor for SUNY Binghamton's Upward Bound program began in 1971, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. rose through the ranks of Upward Bound to assistant director over his many years of service; and

WHEREAS, Upward Bound is an academic program that helps low-income and first-generation students achieve academic success in high school and prepares them for continued success in the college of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Upward Bound annually serves over 160 low-income, first-generation high school students across the State of New York; the program promotes the ideals of inclusion, mutual respect, and cultural awareness by providing scholars with a safe and positive environment that is conducive to learning as well as an opportunity for personal development and social growth; and

WHEREAS, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. worked for years for the Upward Bound TRIO Program at Binghamton University; and

WHEREAS, A member of the first graduating class of the Educational Opportunity Program at Binghamton - then called the Transitional Year Program- directed by the EOP's first director, John Benson, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. was present for EOP's 50th-anniversary celebration in 2018, at Binghamton, a reunion of that first class and the first director; and

WHEREAS, Salvador Vizcarrondo's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. worked at CETA Youth Programs and took many kids under his wing at Susquehanna Valley Home; and

WHEREAS, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. fostered and impacted all the students who knew him and he encouraged them to grow and reach their potential; his legacy lives on in all those with whom he touched; and

WHEREAS, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. is survived by his two sisters, Julia and Norma; his two brothers, Nelson and Henry; his loving nephew James Bullock; grandson, "Mikey" Williams Jr.; his dear friend, Cindy Kery; Steve Slater, who was like a son to him; and his other nephews, nieces and relatives; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr. distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Salvador Vizcarrondo Jr.