

Assembly Resolution No. 1605

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CELEBRATING the life and legacy of Sylvia "Slava" Vero, community leader, educator, and Holocaust survivor

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 great state of New York; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia "Slava" Vero of Huntington, New York, died on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, Slava Vero was born on December 19, 1928, in Galati, Romania to a Jewish family; after Nazi Germany invaded Romania, she and her family were forced into a ghetto, where they lived under squalid conditions for more than four years; her parents died shortly after the war; and

WHEREAS, While living under communist rule in Romania, Slava Vero pursued her education despite the obstacles placed in her path; she immigrated to the United States and had a successful career as a medical biologist; and

WHEREAS, Slava Vero married, had a family, and served as an inspiration for all who had the good fortune to know her, work with her, and learn from her tenacity, kindness, and desire to help others; her advice was to always be aware of your history and to never give up; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from her medical biologist position, Slava Vero began the "Second Act" of her life, joining the Family Service League and founding SeniorNet-an educational program which has trained thousands of seniors to learn computer skills, enabling them to work, stay in touch with family, and capably navigate today's online world; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure at SeniorNet, Slava Vero was instrumental in raising funds to provide summer camp experiences for underserved and at-risk children; she worked as a member of the Fundraising Committee, and was the recipient of many awards, including Senior Citizen of the Year, the Chairman's Award for Excellence, and was recognized by Newsday as an "Every-Day Hero"; and

WHEREAS, Slava Vero's commitment to family, community, unshakeable determination and persistence, and her natural ability to light up every room she entered deserve just recognition by this Legislative Body and the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Slava Vero leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and legacy of Sylvia "Slava" Vero, community leader, educator, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and Holocaust survivor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sylvia "Slava" Vero.