Assembly Resolution No. 487

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MOURNING the death of Dorothy Turano, distinguished citizen, passionate local leader, and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals whose lifelong commitment to service has left a lasting impact on our communities and whose legacy continues to inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Turano of Brooklyn, New York, died on Thursday, May 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Turano was a lifelong resident of Brooklyn's Community Board 18, born and raised in Marine Park, New York, and a proud product of New York City's public school system; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Dorothy Turano moved to Canarsie, New York, where she raised her family and became deeply engaged in improving her neighborhood through tireless community service and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Turano dedicated herself to improving local public schools and strengthening the Canarsie community, becoming a trusted and respected voice for countless residents over the decades; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Turano served the people of Brooklyn with honor and distinction for more than 40 years, including her tenure as the district manager of Community Board 18, from which she formally retired in 2020, but continued to volunteer and serve her community for years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work as district manager of Community Board 18, Dorothy Turano served in various other professions throughout her lifetime, including as a NYC youth coordinator for the NYC Youth Board, paraprofessional at Bildersee Junior High School, paralegal at Allstate Insurance Company, and elected community school board member for District No. 18; and

WHEREAS, Those who worked alongside Dorothy Turano recognized her brilliance, commitment, and natural leadership skills, leading her to be elected to serve as president for several organizations, including the Parent Teachers Association for P.S. 114, Parent Teachers Association for Bildersee Junior High School, Parent Teachers Association for South Shore High School, and parent president of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and SUNY Health Science of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, Farragut Redwood Civic Association, and Joint Council for Community Betterment were also greatly improved by Dorothy Turano's service as board member; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Turano's life exemplified the very best of public service, marked by compassion, leadership, and an unwavering devotion to the neighborhoods she loved; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dorothy Turano 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 mourn the death of Dorothy Turano, distinguished citizen, passionate local leader, and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dorothy Turano.