Assembly Resolution No. 730

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COMMEMORATING the life of Rabbi Shmuel Butman for his lifelong dedication to Jewish life, leadership, and community service in the State of New York

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 this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shmuel Butman of New York State died on Monday, July 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS Rabbi Shmuel Butman dedicated his life to the service of the Jewish people, the advancement of Jewish education, and the strengthening of spiritual and moral values in the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shmuel Butman served for decades as the prominent leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, directing the Lubavitch Youth Organization and spearheading numerous initiatives that have impacted thousands in New York State and far beyond; and

WHEREAS, The tireless efforts of Rabbi Shmuel Butman have included organizing public menorah lightings, educational seminars, outreach programs, and youth activities that promote understanding, compassion, and faith across communities; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shmuel Butman has also been a respected speaker, author, and host of Jewish radio programming, using every medium at his disposal to share the richness of Jewish heritage and the timeless values of Torah; and

WHEREAS, As a devoted emissary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, Rabbi Shmuel Butman embodied the Rebbe's vision of bringing light, learning, and leadership to the world; and

WHEREAS, The contributions left behind by Rabbi Shmuel Butman have made a lasting impact on countless individuals and families, fostering unity, hope, and spiritual growth across generations; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shmuel Butman leaves behind a legacy that was forged in the Jewish principle of chesed, which translates to loving-kindness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the extraordinary life and contributions of Rabbi Shmuel Butman for his enduring leadership, selfless service, and invaluable contributions to religious life, education, and community empowerment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Rabbi Shmuel Butman.