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Senate Resolution No. 445

BY: Senator CLEARE

MOURNING the death of Alma E. Rangel,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of her
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 endeavor
served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this
great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Alma E. Rangel died on Monday, September 16, 2024, at the
age of 99; and

WHEREAS, Alma E. Carter was born on August 12, 1925; throughout her
life, she was passionate, socially conscious, and driven in all her
endeavors; one way she served her community was her occupation as a
social worker; in 1964, she married Charles B. Rangel, a burgeoning
politician; and

WHEREAS, Described as a woman of great vision, Alma E. Rangel was a
vital component of several organizations, including Founder and Chair of
the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses, President and CEO of the Ralph
J. Rangel Foundation, which provides academic scholarships, and Vice
Chair of the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens' Board of
Directors; and

WHEREAS, As Vice Chair of the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens for more than 46 years, Alma E. Rangel's hard work resulted in the construction of the Alma Rangel Gardens, an 89-unit apartment building which provides housing and support services for Harlem's senior citizens who have low or moderate income; and

WHEREAS, Alma E. Rangel was a longtime activist with sincere commitment to her family, her community, and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Revered as an elegant, genuinely caring, dedicated, and supportive advocate of exemplary integrity, Alma E. Rangel was a true and cherished friend to so many who loved her in return, and she will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered as an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, Alma E. Rangel is survived by her beloved husband, retired Congressman, Charles B. Rangel; her son, Steven; and her daughter, Alicia; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Alma E. Rangel 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 Alma E. Rangel, distinguished citizen 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 Alma E. Rangel.