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Senate Resolution No. 2821

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the tragic and untimely death of  
Celestine Chaney, devoted mother, distinguished  
citizen and beloved member of her community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who,  
through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better  
the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive  
impact on the lives of its residents; Celestine Chaney was one such  
individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this  
Legislative Body records the passing of Celestine Chaney, noting the  
significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Celestine Chaney of Buffalo, New York, died on Saturday,  
May 14, 2022, in the devastating act of violence which took place at the  
Tops Friendly Market on historic Jefferson Avenue; she was 65 years old;  
and

WHEREAS, The youngest of four daughters, Celestine Chaney attended  
Clinton Junior High School before graduating from Fosdick Masten Girls  
Vocational High School where she learned to sew; she went on to study  
business administration at Bryant & Stratton College; and

WHEREAS, Celestine Chaney shared a wonderful life with her longtime

partner and fiancé, Raymond Johnson; she held several notable jobs at prominent manufacturing companies, including M.Wile and New Era Cap; and

WHEREAS, While she was passionate about many things, above all her greatest passion was being with her family; she is survived by her beloved partner, Raymond Johnson; her only son, Wayne Donell Jones (Halimah Madyun); nine grandchildren, Wayne Donell Jones, Jr. (Danielle Simpson), Kayla Jones, Charon Reed, Chayna Jones, Donell Jones, Nasir Jones, Dominique Brown, Latifa Johnson, and Latoya Baugh; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Joann Daniel; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Celestine Chaney's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through her family's vivid and happy memories; her insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Celestine Chaney leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing woman; she will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the tragic and untimely death of Celestine Chaney, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

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