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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Rickey Elliott, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his 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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Elliott of Rochester, New York died on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at the age of 39; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rochester, New York in 1975 to Lenora Elliott and the late Walter Brown, Sr., Rickey Elliott graduated from John Marshall High School in 1993, at which time he accepted a position working for Kodak; and

WHEREAS, Upon leaving Kodak, Rickey Elliott began working for the University of Rochester in 1994 as a cook and became active in his union, the Healthcare Workers of 1199; and

WHEREAS, A natural leader, Rickey Elliott became a union delegate, a member of the contract negotiating committee, and in 2000, a full-time union organizer; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Elliott distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, With his warmth, talent, incredible competence, humor, charisma, courage and strength, Rickey Elliott was elected to the esteemed position of Vice-President in 2007, and was a prodigious organizer of workers both far and wide; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Elliott's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A social activist, Rickey Elliott was actively involved in the Stop the Violence Campaign in Rochester, New York; his legacy as a movement leader will live on through the countless organizers and young people he mentored; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Elliott truly treasured his family, and his children and grandchildren were a special sense of pride for him; he found great joy in spending time with them and attending their sporting events, dances and plays; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Elliott is survived by his wife, Shonta; children, Whitley, Whitney, Rickey Jr., Shemere, Breahna, Eric, Channel, and Khalil; grandchildren, Olivia and Cam'Marie; sisters, Jacqueline (Christopher), Wanda (Cornell), Lillian (Nate) and Chasity; brothers, Broderick (Nina), Andre (April), Isaac (Trudine), Walter Jr. and Dean (Shelena); best friend, Dana Alas; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins who will always cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Rickey Elliott leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Rickey Elliott, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

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