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Senate Resolution No. 3144

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Clarke E. Eaton, Jr.  
visionary, businessman, and devoted member of his  
community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay proper  
tribute to individuals of great character whose lives exemplify the  
highest ideals of humanity; and

WHEREAS, With deep regret this Legislative Body records the passing  
of Clarke E. Eaton, Jr., on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at the age of  
83, noting the loss of a citizen whose purposeful life and endeavors  
contributed so much to the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, Well-known within the City of Buffalo and the surrounding  
suburbs, Clarke E. Eaton, Jr. served as the manager of the City of  
Buffalo Public Works Division; in 1982, he established Eaton Associates,  
Inc., a construction management firm; and

WHEREAS, Clarke E. Eaton, Jr. will gratefully be remembered by many  
for his steadfast work with the Restore Our Community Coalition (ROCC),  
a group of concerned citizens and organizations which diligently strive  
to remediate the devastation caused by the construction of Route 33 in  
Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Clark E. Eaton, Jr. has been the visionary behind this important community project since 1990, when Eaton Associates, Inc. became involved in the conversations for recreating Humboldt Parkway; and

WHEREAS, Through his leadership, this vital organization envisions a return to the previous splendor and greenery of the Humboldt Parkway, instead of the current Kensington Expressway; and

WHEREAS, Since then, ROCC has partnered with many local organizations; secured foundation funding to further its studies; received funding from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to further its vision; and gained support from various businesses, non-profit organizations, and New York State legislators; and

WHEREAS, Clarke E. Eaton, Jr. is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Dorothy Eaton; his daughter, Tanya Barnette; one grandson, Robert Louis Barnette III; and two sisters, Elizabeth Waller and Cynthia Eaton; as well as numerous other family members; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Clarke E. Eaton, Jr.'s name is synonymous with character, dignity, intellect, depth, and humor, qualities evident to his family and to all those who were fortunate enough to have known him; he 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 death of Clarke E. Eaton, Jr. visionary, businessman, 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 Clarke E. Eaton Jr.