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Senate Resolution No. 3816

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Mack S. Luchey, astute businessman, music lover, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguished themselves through their exceptional careers, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mack S. Luchey of Buffalo, New York, died on January 26, 2018, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Born in McCormick, South Carolina, Mack S. Luchey and his family moved to Buffalo when he was a baby; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Hutchinson Central High School, Mack S. Luchey studied engineering at the University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Even as a child Mack S. Luchey was always a hard worker and always looked for ways to earn extra money, such as delivering groceries to his neighbors and picking beans on a local farm during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, Mack S. Luchey proudly served his country as a member of

the United States Army Reserves; he also drove a UPS delivery truck, and worked as a bartender in his father's tavern; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Mack S. Luchey met his former wife, Doris Banks, a clerk at Audrey and Del's record store; after they were married, the couple opened their own record store together at 286 E. Ferry Street; Doris Records has been recognized as the Buffalo area's oldest record store; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Mack S. Luchey and Doris were privileged to have met famous performers such as Aretha Franklin, Mary J. Blige, Lil' Kim, Ice Cube, and Kool Moe Dee; and

WHEREAS, Even though Mack S. Luchey and Doris divorced in 1975, they remained good friends; Mack maintained ownership of the store, and kept the name the same in Doris' honor; and

WHEREAS, Mack S. Luchey's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the community in which he lived, worked, and played, Mack S. Luchey helped found Men Allied for the Need to Understand Prostate Cancer (MAN UP), a prostate cancer awareness advocacy group; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was also instrumental in establishing Buffalo's Juneteenth Festival and served on its board of directors; in addition, he was a faithful member of the First Shiloh Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, and to express our appreciation to everyone who promotes the arts; for his valuable contributions to the Buffalo music scene, Mack S. Luchey was inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mack S. Luchey is survived by his three sons, Derrick Luchey, Gregory Luchey, and Duane Luchey; three sisters, Willa Mae Brittin, Thelma Taggart, and Chloe Luchey; and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Mack S. Luchey 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 Mack S. Luchey, astute businessman, music lover, 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 Mack S. Luchey.