

By Legislators Brew and Roman

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2022

IN MEMORIAM

EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE RECENT PASSING OF TIM O. MAINS, FORMER ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy at the recent passing of Tim O. Mains, of Middletown, New York. He was a longtime Rochester, New York public servant who passed away suddenly, Thursday, December 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Tim O. Mains was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 4, 1948, to parents Charles H. Mains and Gwendolyn Johnston Mains who both pre-deceased him. He is survived by his spouse, David Phillip Gardner whom he joyfully wed in Canada on May 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Tim was a dedicated educator receiving the prestigious Golden Apple award for 50 years of service. His long career in education included serving as a teacher, counselor, Teacher Center/Staff Development Director, principal, Director of Internal Operations, and Superintendent of the Jamestown Public Schools and most recently the Pine Bush Central School District; and

WHEREAS, upon his election to the Rochester City Council, Tim was the first openly gay candidate to be elected to public office in New York State history, spending 20 years serving the residents of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Tim was a pioneer in the struggle for LGBT rights during a time when it was not necessarily safe to be "out," but with others, he helped pave a path towards equity for future LGBTQ+ generations; and

WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indiana, received a B.S. in Sociology and World History, M.S. in Counsellor Education, M.S. in Educational Administration, M. Ed. In Organizational Leadership and was working on his Doctorate in Educational Policy and Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Tim had a quick wit and positive outlook on life. His full-hearted laugh and warm smile were a testament to his ability to find joy and exude welcome. Tim was a straight-forward, independent, and tenacious educator and legislator with an eye for detail and a commitment to social and economic justice; and

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WHEREAS, Tim O. Mains worked tirelessly for his students and community. He will long be remembered for his devotion to public service, especially our community's youth, and his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

This resolution was adopted unanimously with each legislator rising in his or her place for a moment of silence.

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