

By Legislators Yudelson and Brew

Intro. No. __

RESOLUTION NO. __ OF 2024

IN MEMORIAM

EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE RECENT PASSING OF NORMA I. DIAMOND, SISTER OF MONROE COUNTY VICE PRESIDENT MERCEDES VAZQUEZ SIMMONS

Be IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy at the recent passing of Norma I. Diamond, sister of Monroe County Vice President Mercedes Vazquez Simmons; and

WHEREAS, Norma I. Diamond, sister of the Vice President of the Legislature, Mercedes Vazquez Simmons, passed away on December 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Norma graduated from Monroe Community College and continued her education at SUNY Brockport in Health Services. Norma went on to work in healthcare overseeing enrollment efforts. After decades of service to Blue Cross Blue Shield, Norma retired and made it her mission to help communities address health care disparities; and

WHEREAS, Norma was incredibly passionate about wellness. For years she organized grass roots efforts by building instrumental relationships with churches and non-profits to bring services to those who needed them such as community health fairs and informational sessions. Norma also organized sessions for the medical industry on healthcare concerns in black and Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, Norma enjoyed gardening and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She is survived by daughters Jennifer (Mark) Simmons and Tiffany (Ivorick) Radcliffe; grandchildren Jasmine, Mark Jr. Synffanie, Jayden, and Micah; sisters Mary (Ralph) Rivera, Mercedes Vazquez Simmons; Brothers Alex Ortiz, Mateo (Bonnie) Vazquez, Gabriel (Rachel) Vazquez, Devin (Susette) Vazquez; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Norma was preceded in death by her parents Baltasor and Eledora Matos and siblings Edwin and Minerva Matos; and

WHEREAS, Norma worked tirelessly for her community and will long be remembered for her devotion to community outreach. She was a devoted sister, mother, and grandmother and will be dearly missed by all who had the honor of knowing her.

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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