

STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
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## *In Remembrance of Anna Vernell Triggs*

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on August 8, 2020, removed from our midst *Anna Triggs* in whose death we have lost a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a leader, and a kind and devoted member; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna was born to the late Emma and Nathaniel Wiggins on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1936 and was raised by her aunt Viola and her uncle William and had twelve siblings; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna attended and graduated from Buffalo Public School system attending Buffalo Public Schools #39, #75 and Fostick Masten High School; and

**WHEREAS**, after she graduated with a diploma in Clothing Trades, Anna would marry the love of her life, the late Samuel E. Triggs on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1954 and during their union, two daughters were born, Cheryl and Natalie who were her pride and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna used her clothing trades training at Peck & Peck on Delaware Avenue where she loved not only the job, but the owners too; and

**WHEREAS**, she would later pursue career advancement as an employee at Veteran's Hospital starting out as a Nurse Aide and worked her way up to a Cardiac Catheterization Technician where she worked diligently until she retired in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, upon her retirement, Anna decided to work part-time at a nursing home, and later made a career changing move when she became a Teacher Aide at Buffalo Public School #31; and

**WHEREAS**, she took immense pride and true devotion in opening her own business, "TRIGGS DAYCARE" and throughout her excellent work rapport at School 31, the school would provide Anna's daycare center with learning materials to her help teach the children; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna started her Christian journey as a child with her family attending People's Community Church and was baptized by Reverend D.M Byrd; and

**WHEREAS**, during her storied life and her strong connection with the Lord, Anna would go on to join St. Luke AME Zion Church with her aunt Viola, attended Pilgrim Baptist and then attended Durham Memorial AME Zion where she served as President of the Usher Board, on the Trustee Board and as a Boy Scout Troop Leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna was preceded in death by her daughter Sgt. Natalie A. Triggs; granddaughter, LaChanda; ten siblings; Laura, Fawsia, Marie, James, Joseph, Eugene, Norman, Charles, Nathaniel, and Clifford; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Triggs leaves loving memories and teachings to her daughter, Cheryl (Dale) Stephens; one brother, Arnold Wiggins; two granddaughters, Tanisha (late Danyell Sr.) Mackin, Nicole (Jayson) Pitts; three great-grandchildren, Danyell Jr., Na'Kye & Destinee, goddaughter, Patricia (Charles) Holmes and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and the daycare families she loved so dearly; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna's endless love and years of sharing knowledge with her family, especially with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be missed, but will forever live in the hearts of a community she touched; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to the life of *Anna Vernell Triggs*, whose lifelong dedication to God, family and her community are an inspiration to be admired, emulated and honored.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of *Anna Triggs* and pause in its deliberations to recognize her praiseworthy life, her love of God, education, family and for her commitment and devotion to the betterment of our community; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature express its sympathy and condolences to the Triggs family and to her many friends, knowing full well that she has received her eternal and glorified reward in Heaven, having heard the consoling words of the Master, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

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**Hon. Howard J. Johnson Jr.**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

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**Robert M. Gruber**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*