

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NY, DECEMBER 28, 2020

*In Remembrance of Herman Warren Wooten II
“Beloved Father, Husband, Son, Brother and an Extraordinary Coach”*

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on December 22, 2020, removed from our midst **Herman Warren Wooten II** in whose death we have lost a loving husband, father, valued and respected citizen; and whose family has lost a kind and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, Herman Warren Wooten II, also known by many as “**Big World**”, was born on September 20, 1982 in Buffalo, New York to Herman W. Sr and Denise N. Wooten; and

WHEREAS, Herman received his elementary education in the Buffalo Public School system while his high school years were spent at Canisius High School; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Canisius, Herman pursued his higher education studies at Morgan State College, and D'Youville College; and

WHEREAS, Herman was a multifaceted person who became a very talented individual as a child and won several state championships in wrestling; and

WHEREAS, he also was a member of the YMCA Swim team and competed in many matches; and

WHEREAS, the sport Herman was most passionate about was his overwhelming love for football and whether he was playing, coaching or watching his two favorite teams, the Baltimore Ravens and the Alabama Crimson Tide, he couldn't get enough of the sport dearest to his heart; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his unwavering devotion and dedication to football and his desire to inspire and motivate, Herman coached several little league teams and even created the CCYSA Hurricanes Football League with his Father, Herman Sr.; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 23, Herman became a father to his only child, Herman W. Wooten III; and

WHEREAS, Herman loved his son with an unconditional love and poured his heart into providing a good life for his son, similar to what he received from his parents; and

WHEREAS, Herman pursued his dream of being a rapper by developing the group, 30 In 30 Out Boys and producing a hit single known as the “Money Dance” which gained the group much notoriety, with a feature in The Source Magazine and winning the WBLK's Unsigned Hype Award for song of the year; and

WHEREAS, Herman also performed as a solo artist and won the WBLK's People's Choice Artist of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, during his performing years he met the love of his life, Tyisha Frazier; and

WHEREAS, Herman and Tyisha were joined in Holy matrimony on March 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Herman was a member of the Faith Temple COGIC youth choir where he sang as well as played the drums and the bass guitar and his love for the Lord continued through the wisdom of his mother who introduced him to the television ministry of Dr. Charles Stanley; and

WHEREAS, Herman enjoyed spending time with his family and friends laughing, joking and enjoyed being the life of the party with his boisterous laugh, his gift of gab (which he said he got from his mother) and contagious smile; and

WHEREAS, Herman leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife Tyisha Wooten, one son, Herman Wooten III; two amazing parents, Herman and Denise Wooten; his mother and father-in-love, Donald and Ola Frazier, his grandmother Alice Wooten; two sisters, Shyla (Darryl) Lloyd, and Eron (Otha) Page; one sister-in-love, Trish Frazier; one nephew, Oryan Lloyd, two nieces Samiya Lloyd and Payton Page; nine aunts, Eula (James) Oates, Lenora Darden, Mary Alice, DeLois, Dorothy, Valerie, Sonya Mulkey, Barbara Hooper, Tracey Daniels, and Stephanie (Jason) Calhoun; nine uncles, Willie F. Gross, Calvin (Patricia) Darden, Raymond (Trina) Darden, Sam, Michael, Timothy, Tyrone (Lavoris), Herbert, and Alfred (Vera); and a host of cousins, relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Herman was devoted to God, valued hard work as a Member Services Representative at Fidelis, loved his son, his wife, his parents, his family, found a passion in coaching and was recognized as a very loyal individual whose dynamic personality was loved and dear to many and will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of ***Herman Warren Wooten II*** and pause in its deliberations to recognize his praiseworthy life, his love of family and his commitment and devotion to the betterment of our community; and be it further

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

Hon. Howard J. Johnson Jr.
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature