

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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In Remembrance of Andre Edward Jones, Jr.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on June 20, 2022, removed from our midst **Andre Edward Jones Jr.**, in whose death we have lost a loving father, son, brother, grandson, valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a leader, kind and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, **Andre Edward Jones Jr.**, the oldest of two brothers, was born on November 7, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Andre was affectionately known as “Dre” and was well-educated in the Lackawanna Public School System as a graduate of Lackawanna High School (Class of 2007); and

WHEREAS, this young man possessed a strong work ethic as an employee of Sears (2016), BonTon (2017), most recently S.B.S Temporary Agency (2018-2020); and

WHEREAS, as an individual, Andre was a devoted and dedicated father who would go above and beyond to provide for his most significant blessing on this earth, his three children, Key’Aree, Kalayah and Andre III; and

WHEREAS, Andre also displayed a warmth and generosity for his devoted partner, Keyona Betts; and

WHEREAS, Andre became a member of the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized under the leadership of Pastor Keith D. Mobley; and

WHEREAS, Dre had a sweet and quiet way about him and an affectionate smile that was beautiful and inviting; and

WHEREAS, Andre was a stylish dresser and loved nice sneakers; and

WHEREAS, as a young man who blessed this Earth for 34 fruitful years, Andre cherished and valued his children, his family and the countless friendships he made throughout high school, work and throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, Andre was special and represented the good that we all need every day in our lives; and

WHEREAS, his love blessed the hearts of many, especially his children, his parents, his partner, and many others with his respect, infectious personality, a lovable sense of humor, and he never hesitated to let people know that he loved them, which left those feeling an immeasurable warmth in their soul; and

WHEREAS, as a man of God and father of three, Andre was a devoted protector and wonderful provider for his children and truly adored his sister, Alexis, which will remain a love that will live on; and

WHEREAS, Andre's life and legacy will continue to prosper on Earth through his loving partner, Keyona Betts; their 3 amazing children, Key'Aree Jones, Kalayah Jones, Andre Jones III; his father, Andre Jones Sr.; special niece, Gianna Jones; grandmother Pearl Dhyes; two brothers, Jeremiah, Jillian Jones; three sisters, Latoya Allen, Pearl Jones, Latifa Jones; nine aunts, Veatter (late Alonzo), Leatrice, Juanita, Maxine, Nadine (late Lamont), Carolyn, Wanda and Pearl; six uncles; Kenneth (Danielle), Robert, Bryant, Robert Jones, Antonio Williams and Lamont William; Godfather; Godmother, Wanda McCutcheon; Special Aunt, Juanita McCutcheon and a host of dear loved nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to the life of *Andre Edward Jones Jr.* whose lifelong dedication to God, family and community are an inspiration to be admired, emulated and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby remember the life of *Andre Edward Jones Jr.* and pause in its deliberations to recognize his praiseworthy life, his love of his daughters and his family, his love for creating happiness for others, 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 Jones family, McCutcheon Family, the Owens family and to *Andre's* 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

Hon. John J. Gilmour
Erie County Legislator, 9th District