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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 BELEN COLÓN, MOTHER OF MONROE COUNTY
LEGISLATOR MERCEDES VAZQUEZ SIMMONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deep sympathy at the recent passing of Belen Colón, of Rochester, a longtime community activist and public servant who passed away, Thursday, November 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Belen Colón was born in Puerto Rico on November 2, 1938 and passed away peacefully on November 12, 2022, at the age of 84. She is survived by her children Gabriel, Mateo, Mercedes, Borgen, Norma, Abigail, Rosin, and Devon, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Belen was known as the Mayor of Clinton Avenue, or La Avenida, the name affectionately given to North Clinton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Belen was very active in the St. Michael's Church and worked closely for many years with Father Laurence Tracy, who together were tireless advocates for the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Belen worked with and on behalf of our youth in the Rochester City School District, retiring in 2009 as a paraprofessional at Roberto Clemente School #8, after nearly 35 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Belen will be remembered as a community advocate and fighting for human rights. She was a woman of service, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who was extremely committed to helping others; 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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