

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

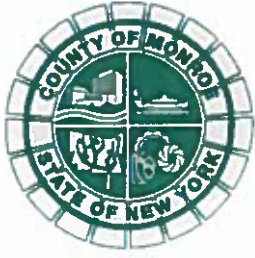
WHEREAS, Belen worked with and on behalf of our youth in the Rochester City School District, retiring in 2009 as a paraprofessional at Roberto Clemente School #8, after nearly 35 years of dedicated service; and

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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.

File No. 22-0371



Monroe County Legislature

Office of the President

SABRINA LAMAR
PRESIDENT

November 15, 2022

David Grant, Clerk
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, NY 14614

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Dear Mr. Grant:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President of the Monroe County Legislature by Section 545-24(A)(3) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature, I hereby declare the above to be a matter of urgency to be considered at the Tuesday, November 15, 2022 meeting of the Monroe County Legislature.

Please inform the members of the Legislature accordingly. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sabrina LaMar
Monroe County Legislature
President

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