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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Horace Morancie, distinguished citizen and long-time leader in the Caribbean-American community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Horace Morancie of Brooklyn, New York, died on February 4, 2015, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Born in Trinidad and Tobago, this passionate leader and anti-poverty advocate made many invaluable contributions to the Caribbean-American community throughout his more than 50 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Horace Morancie served as Director of Central Brooklyn Model Cities, part of a massive anti-poverty program which brought jobs and created programs for the borough as part of the Great Society and War on Poverty initiatives of the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, A devoted civic leader, Horace Morancie's commitment to his community was further illustrated through his work as founder and executive of the Urban Resource Institute, and as a member of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Horace Morancie's dedication to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and cultural endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A tireless promoter of West Indian music, Horace Morancie managed New York City's first large steel band, and helped organize West Side Symphony's performances at Radio City Music Hall in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Horace Morancie served as an officer in the United States Steel Band Association from 2001 to 2002, and was instru-

mental in the presentation of its Panorama shows during his tenure; and WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of public service, Horace Morancie leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Horace Morancie, distinguished citizen and long-time leader in the Caribbean-American community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Horace Morancie.