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Senate Resolution No. 3263

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

HONORING Dr. John Flateau upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of distinguished service to higher education at Medgar Evers College

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. John Flateau upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of distinguished service to higher education at Medgar Evers College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Flateau has devoted a lifetime of service to the economic, political and social empowerment of communities of color and humankind; he has co-founded and guided several institutions, as well as community and faith-based development corporations, creating economic empowerment, affordable housing, youth, educational and senior services; and

WHEREAS, The fourth of seven children to Jeanne and Sidney Fleteau, John Fleteau earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from New York University, Master of Public Administration degree from Baruch College, and a Master of Philosophy degree, Master of Arts degree and Ph.D. in Political Science from The Graduate Center, City University of New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Dr. John Fleteau empowers future generations as a Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at Medgar Evers College, where he served as Vice President and Dean of its School of Business; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Fleteau co-founded and directs the DuBois Bunche Center for Public Policy and US Census Information Center at Medgar Evers College, where he has been instrumental in creating significant project financing, and minority and women business government contracting; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Dr. John Fleteau has also helped create business government contracting, disparity studies, and employment and training programs, as well as empowerment zones and an international trade center, leveraging public-private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, A nationally recognized expert and strategist, Dr. John Fleteau has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2017 President's Award by the National Association of Health Service Executives (NAHSE), New York Region, and the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Fleteau is a public commentator and author, with

works such as, *Black Brooklyn: The Politics of Ethnicity, Class and Gender*; *The Prison Industrial Complex: Race, Crime and Justice in New York*; *Blackout: Media Ownership Concentration*; and *Multi-Billion Dollar Assets of Brooklyn Caribbean Communities*; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary man serves as a Commissioner of the New York City Board of Elections, and as an elected Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. John Fleteau has also served as Chief of Staff and campaign coordinator for Mayor David Dinkins; Deputy Secretary, New York State Senate; Executive Director, New York State Black, Hispanic, Asian Legislative Caucus; and Senior Vice President, Empire State Development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Fleteau has given tirelessly of his time and energies to help train the next generation of fearless, brilliant public service executives, researchers, policy advocates and activists, and to advance political, economic, human and cultural rights; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Fleteau should be regarded as a true humanitarian; he has continually devoted himself to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Dr. John Fleteau is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. John Flateau upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of distinguished service to higher education at Medgar Evers College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. John Flateau.