

Senate Resolution No. 100

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Harold Theodore Plunkett,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of his
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 this
great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Harold Theodore Plunkett of Harlem, New York, died on
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Harold Theodore Plunkett, affectionately known as "Brother
Heru" was born on September 9, 1950, in Harlem, New York, to Naomi and
Theodore Plunkett; and

WHEREAS, He experienced the extraordinary culture of Harlem growing
up; influenced by street corner lectures, Pan-Africanists and
philosophers, as well as performances from local and international
artists and entertainers; and

WHEREAS, Harold Theodore Plunkett attended Borough of Manhattan
Community College (BMCC) which further broadened his horizons and helped
him on his path as a student of the world; and

WHEREAS, On December 15, 1973, he married Rosalind Cummins;
together, they were the proud parents of two sons; and

WHEREAS, Harold Theodore Plunkett's top priority was providing for
his family; he worked tirelessly for both the United States Postal
Service and the New York City Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, As the Patriarch of the Plunkett family, he was always
teaching by offering lessons centered on critical thinking, discipline,
self-sufficiency and societal awareness; he was also an avid music
lover, who often had rhythmic bass-filled beats filling the air; and

WHEREAS, Harold Theodore Plunkett was known for his thoughtful,
compassionate, African-Centric, humanitarian spirit; he had a passion
for the civil rights and social justice movement; this passion was
demonstrated through his support of Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton and the
National Action Network, where he served as a longtime member and leader
of the Guardians; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his mother and father, Harold Theodore
Plunkett is survived by his wife, Rosalind; his two sons, Shukri and
Nashid; daughter-in-law, Tayla; his sister, Kathryn Lynch; and his
brother, Melvin Wright; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews;
and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Harold Theodore Plunkett 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 Harold Theodore Plunkett, and to offer its sincere condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Harold Theodore Plunkett.