

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**MOURNING** the death of Otis Manley, 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 the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Otis Manley of Chesapeake, Virginia, died on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at the age of 78; he was the beloved son of Ada and James Tindal; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on December 14, 1942, in Jackson, North Carolina, Otis Manley was raised in Norfolk, Virginia and attended Booker T. Washington High School; and

**WHEREAS,** Otis Manley moved to New York in 1962; he began his career with the New York City Housing Authority four years later; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary worker climbed the ranks, working for the New York City Transit Authority as a conductor and was soon promoted to motorman; and

**WHEREAS,** Otis Manley retired from the New York City Transit Authority in 1999, and moved back to Virginia, where he met and married Jannie; and

**WHEREAS,** A truly gentle man, Otis Manley was always ready with a smile and a hug for his family; he will be missed by all of those who had the pleasure of knowing such an exceptional person; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Raymond and Robert, Otis Manley is survived by his loving wife, Jannie; eight children, Marlene, Greg, Kevin, Cynthia, Tracy, Andre, Dwayne, and Ira; 20 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; his sister, Lucy; and his aunt, cousins, nieces and nephews; as well as his four best friends, George, James, Charlie and Linwood; and

**WHEREAS,** Otis Manley distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Otis Manley 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 Otis Manley, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Otis Manley.