

BY: Senator KAPLAN

MOURNING the death of Harrichand Persaud, dedicated Metropolitan Transportation Authority employee, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to pay tribute to an eminent man of indomitable faith and dedication whose public service and countless accomplishments will forever stand as a paradigm and inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 26, 1951, Harrichand Persaud of Smithtown, New York, died on April 14, 2020, at the age of 69, due to complications related to the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Harrichand Persaud who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Harrichand Persaud distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, The global pandemic has led to unimaginable loss to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) family, with 136 employees dying of COVID-19 since the pandemic began; to honor and pay tribute to those who have been lost too soon, the MTA launched an engaging visual memorial to those employees, including Harrichand Persaud, a hero who dedicated his life to moving New Yorkers through the city and region; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this memorial will appear as an eight-minute video running on 138 three-panel digital screens at 107 subway stations from Monday, January 25 through Sunday, February 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Transport Workers Union Local 100 will never forget its union brothers and sisters who perished in service to the City of New York, and it is its fervent hope that with this memorial, the riding public, as well as the State of New York, also keeps these departed heroes in their hearts and minds; and

WHEREAS, Harrichand Persaud's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Harrichand Persaud displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Harrichand Persaud, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he was held by his peers; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Harrichand Persaud 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 Harrichand Persaud, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

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