

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Edward John Louis, retired police officer, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to an individual of distinguished purpose and true commitment who dedicated his life and career to public service; and

WHEREAS, With deep regret this Legislative Body records the passing of Edward John Louis on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at the age of 86, noting the loss of a citizen whose purposeful life and endeavors contributed so much to the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, Edward John Louis, affectionately known to many as Eddie, was born on October 14, 1934, to Eugenia (Stephens) and Errold Louis in New York City; he was raised in Harlem where he played basketball in Mount Morris Park, boxed in Golden Gloves competitions, and was educated in the New York City Public School System, graduating from the Boys High School; even at the young age of five, he knew he had found the love of his life when he met his future wife of 57 years, Tomi Laureta Hawkins, in his Kindergarten class; and

WHEREAS, In 1955, Edward John Louis began his 30-year career in law enforcement, when he was hired by the City of New York as a Patrolman in Manhattan; he quickly rose through the ranks, holding the titles of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Inspector, and Inspector; his assignments included the 32nd precinct in his beloved Harlem and a stint as commanding officer of the 73rd Precinct in Brownsville, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Edward John Louis was a life-long member of the Guardians (a Black Fraternal Order of Police) and a proud member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); and

WHEREAS, In 1986, after retiring from NYPD, Edward John Louis continued his work in law enforcement supervising investigators with the New York Legal Aid Society; and

WHEREAS, A man of many interests and passions, Edward John Louis understood the importance of a healthy lifestyle and competed in and completed numerous marathons and distance races through the Road Runners Club; he enjoyed studying American social history, handicapping horse races and travelling, but above all, he loved spending time with his beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, his wife, Tomi, his sister Elaine Atherton, and his brother Anthony Louis, Edward John Louis is survived by his three daughters, Pamela, Lisa (Reginald) and Ellen; two sons, Errol (Juanita) and Edward; one sister-in-law, Ollie Hawkins; four grandsons, Terrence, Alex-Jamal, Christopher, and Noah; one great-grandson, Branson; and life-long friends, John Clark and Charles

Ritzberg, as well as numerous colleagues from NYPD and New Rochelle Parents Advisory Committee for the Developmentally Disabled; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Edward John Louis 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 Edward John Louis, retired police officer, 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 Edward John Louis.