Senate Resolution No. 3144

BY: Senator PARKER

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, New York-based Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad, formerly known as Minister Kevin Muhammad, died on Saturday, April 11, 2020, at the age of 56, due to complications related to the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Born Kevin Ross in 1963, Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad's tenure with the Nation of Islam spanned four decades, with his beginnings starting in the Crown Heights, Brooklyn Muhammad Mosque No. 7 in the early 1980s, which was adjacent to his Brownsville, Brooklyn neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, As Kevin X, he quickly rose through the ranks of the FOI and joined the Ministry of the Nation in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Known as a Man's Man and a Brother's Brother, Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad was a man of the community, a mentor, a man of faith, a supporter of the oppressed and disenfranchised, and a practicing counselor to the people; and

WHEREAS, Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad 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 Nation of Islam Regional Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad, a well-respected national representative; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Minister Abdul-Hafeez Muhammad.