

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**MOURNING** the death of Jesse B. Powell, prominent Mason, 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,** Jesse B. Powell died on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the age of 52; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on June 30, 1968, to Jesse Benny Powell and Maxine Bor, Jesse grew up in New York City where he attended Music and Arts High School, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Phoenix; and

**WHEREAS,** Jesse B. Powell began his Masonic Journey with Prince Hall Ashlar Lodge No. 94 being initiated on October 7, 1997, and at the young age of 29, he was Raised on April 24, 1998; and

**WHEREAS,** From 2003-2004, Jesse B. Powell served as Worshipful Master for his Lodge, and later, held several other leadership positions including Recording Secretary in 2006 and 2018, and Treasurer in 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Jesse B. Powell was also a member of Ashlar Chapter No. 71 Order Eastern Stars, where he served as Worthy Patron from 2000-2010; in 2019, he was re-elected to this esteemed title, serving until his untimely death; and

**WHEREAS,** From 2017-2019, Jesse B. Powell was the Grand Worthy Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter for the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Jesse B. Powell was a member of Eureka Chapter No. 17 HRAM's, a Sublime Prince Royal and Select 32nd Degree in King David Consistory No. 3, and a Noble in Medina Temple No. 19 AEAONMS Desert of New York, New York, and Canada; and

**WHEREAS,** Jesse B. Powell truly lived in service to his family, the community, and foremost his Masonic Craft; his vast knowledge of his ritualistic work was greatly admired by all of his peers; and

**WHEREAS,** Jesse B. Powell is survived by his wife, the former Diane Nardell; one sister, Lisa Marie Powell; one aunt, Joylin Martin, and numerous other family members, friends and fellow Masons; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jesse B. Powell 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 Jesse B. Powell, prominent Mason, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jesse B. Powell.