Senate Resolution No. 1949

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson, dedicated family man, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson was born in Brooklyn, New York, on August 20, 1973, to Khadijah and Adeyemi Bandele; he died on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, As a child of The East family, an organization and meeting place where Black people from all walks of life could learn about the African diaspora and its history and culture beyond slavery, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson was born into a proud, loving, and caring community; he reflected those attributes from birth until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson was an exemplary and responsible brother to his siblings, even the older ones; he enjoyed traveling, cooking, teaching, entertaining and spending time at amusement parks; most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family; always full of laughter, smiles and jokes, he truly valued family above all; and

WHEREAS, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson and the former Sharon Brown were united in marriage on August 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson worked in several professions throughout his life; he received his teaching certificate and particularly enjoyed his time teaching young children at KinderCare, where he was affectionately known as Mr. C; similarly, he was widely respected and loved at the other jobs he took on at Childcare Academy and Project Home; and

WHEREAS, The consummate protector, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson also worked as a security guard and took this work very seriously; he will always be remembered for his selflessness, loving smile, and the genuine care he exhibited for his family, community and friends; and

WHEREAS, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Marson; three children, Carron Marson, Shakima Pegues and Sharea Jackson; mother-in-law, Roslyn McClain; two grandchildren, Shamel and

Jayquan Jackson; his parents, Khadijah Bandele, Adeyemi Bandele (Ionis Riley) and Safiya Bandele; and siblings, Adaleta Bandele (Hadithi Orr), Maia Bandele Marson, Lumumba Bandele (Monifa Bandele), Atiba Marson Quinones, Kobie Bandele Marson, Gamba Bandele Marson, Nwandu Bandele Marson (Kgomotso Marson), Dafina Mccleod-Freeman, Olomide McKoy Quinones, Omi McKoy Quinones, Obataye Mckoy Quinones, Damon Vanzant; as well as a host of cousins, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and extended family; and

WHEREAS, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson, 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 Coujoe Ojare Bandele Marson.