Assembly Resolution No. 1018

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CELEBRATING the life of Duane Joseph, 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; Duane Joseph was one such individual; and

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

WHEREAS, Duane Joseph of Brooklyn, New York, died on August 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Duane Joseph who upheld the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomized the best of humanity; and

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

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of Brooklyn Community Board 14, Duane Joseph was passionate about the community, both its people and places; he offered great vision and spearheaded the addition of Economic Development to the organization's committee structure; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he worked tirelessly to bring agency information to community members and local insight to agency proposals; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Duane Joseph served to instill in others a willingness to strive toward solutions; he became a Community Board 14 member in 2015, serving as the Youth Committee Co-Chair, the Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development Co-Chair, as well as the Co-Chair for the Flatbush African Burial Ground Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Duane Joseph was renowned for his detailed reports laced with humor, and in 2023, he was elected as Community Board 14's First Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, Duane Joseph'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 Duane Joseph displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Duane Joseph'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, Duane Joseph 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 celebrate the life of Duane Joseph, 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 Duane Joseph.