Assembly Resolution No. 1019

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MOURNING the death of Dr. John Louis Flateau, devoted family man, dedicated professor, and distinguished 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; Dr. John Louis Flateau was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Dr. John Louis Flateau, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Louis Flateau of Brooklyn, New York, died on December 30, 2023, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong public servant, community activist, political strategist, and a dedicated mentor throughout his decades-long career at Medgar Evers College (MEC), Dr. John Louis Flateau served as a beloved professor and chair of the Department of Public Administration at Medgar Evers College, while also serving as the Director of the Dubois Bunche Center for Public Policy; he was also the former dean for both MEC's School of Business and Office of External Relations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Louis Flateau was also a lifelong learner who led by example when it came to his students, earning a PhD in Political Science, Public Policy and American Politics from CUNY, while also obtaining Masters degrees in Philosophy in Political Science, Public Administration and Political Science, Urban Policy; he secured his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from New York University's Washington Square College; and

WHEREAS, A true community pillar, Dr. John Louis Flateau's resume was impeccable, showing his servant's heart from a young age and prior to joining Medgar Evers College in 1994; he served as the Summer Youth Program Director of the Brooklyn Catholic Diocese from 1968-72, Harlem Youth Worker for the NYS Division for Youth from 1978-79, District Council 37 AFSCME Education Department from 1971-74, Executive Director of the NYS Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus from 1975-1982, Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for the NYS Empire State Development Corporation from 1983-1990, Chief of Staff to Mayor David N. Dinkins from 1991-93, and as Deputy Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations for the New York State Senate from 2009-10; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dr. John Louis Flateau became well-known for his public service where he took on a number of key roles, including: Member, NYS Legislative Task Force On Demographic Research and Reapportionment; Commissioner, New York City

Districting Commission; Member, Redistricting Advisory Group, NYC Board of Education; Chairman, US Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population; National Steering Committee, Census Information Centers; Co-Chair, NYC Black Advisory Committee, Census 2000; and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Community School Board 16, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, An intellectual giant, acclaimed educator and dedicated public servant, Dr. John Louis Flateau was instrumental in shaping the lives of countless students, and his work in both the city and state government helped advance justice and equity for communities across New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Louis Flateau's public service was only overshadowed by his dedication to community service, where he was involved with a plethora of organizations, including: the American Society for Public Administration; American Political Science Association; American Association of Political Consultants; Population Association of America; National Forum For Black Public Administrators; NAACP Brooklyn Branch; Community Board 3, Brooklyn; Citizens Union, Board Of Directors; Chair- man of the Board: Achievement First Endeavor Charter School; Vannguard Urban Improvement Association; Bridge Street Development Corporation; DELBAC Inc., Board of Directors, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter; Senior Board Of Stewards, Bridge St. AWME Church; Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, Inc., Academic Advisory Board; Chairman, Medgar Evers College Community Council; NY Voting Rights Consortium; and the Majority Coalition Of Redistricting Professionals; and

WHEREAS, A tremendous leader who uplifted and inspired his community, Dr. John Louis Flateau and his enormous contributions will have a lasting impact for many years to come; he is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two sons, Marcus and Jonathan, and their families; and four siblings, Anne, Alice, Adele, and Richard; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Louis Flateau'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, Dr. John Louis Flateau 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 Dr. John Louis Flateau, 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 Dr. John Louis Flateau.