

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Barry C. Sample, 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, Barry C. Sample of Albany, New York, died on April 27, 2025, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1951, Barry "Chuck" Carlton Sample was a native of Long Island, New York where he grew up on his family's potato farm and spent his teenage years working with Long Island fishermen; and

WHEREAS, In his teenage years, Barry C. Sample found his passion for music, a passion that he took with him throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, From a young age, Barry C. Sample took to singing and playing the guitar; he nurtured his talents by performing with bands in high school and during his college years in the late 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Graduating magna cum laude in 1973, Barry C. Sample earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Albany; he followed it up by earning a Master's degree from the university's School of Criminal Justice in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Barry C. Sample distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, From 1978 to 1982, Barry C. Sample served as a lecturer in African American history, social science, and public policy at SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Barry C. Sample married his devoted wife, Jacqueline Lake, marking the beginning of a lifelong partnership alongside his distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, Barry C. Sample's commitment to education and public service laid the foundation for an active career in public administration and political advisory roles-positions for which he became widely respected for in Albany, New York City, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Barry C. Sample's public service career began at the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, where he held several roles between 1981 and 1993, including Deputy Director of Criminal

Justice, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Chief of the Bureau of Program Development and Planning, and Senior Criminal Justice Program Analyst; and

WHEREAS, Barry C. Sample's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Between 1993 and 2013, Barry C. Sample held several prominent public positions, including Chair of New York Gaming Commission, Deputy Director of State Operations for the New York State Executive Chamber, Chief of Staff at New York State Office of the State Comptroller, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Community Relations of New York State Comptroller's Office, and Deputy Budget Director at the New York State Division of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, An avid lover of jazz, blues, rock 'n' roll, and, of course, Jimi Hendrix, Barry C. Sample attended jazz and blues festivals and clubs in New York City and Montreal yearly; and

WHEREAS, Barry C. Sample was known to his many colleagues and friends as a deeply caring and family oriented man, traits that were on display at his beloved son, Baki's funeral in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Barry C. Sample is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Jacqueline Lake-Sample; his dear daughter, Serwa Sample-Adams; son-in-law, Corey Adams; his sister, Jeanne Wilson; his nephews, Jason Wilson and Gary Wright; and a number of family and friends throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Barry C. Sample 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 Barry C. Sample, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Barry C. Sample.