

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr., devoted family man and esteemed 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; Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr. was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr. on November 20, 2025, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, man of faith, entrepreneur, and respected community leader, whose life was marked by perseverance, humility, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr. was born on November 20, 1943, in a rural community in the Parish of Manchester, Jamaica, where he developed the resilience, discipline, and strong work ethic that would define his life's journey; and

WHEREAS, After the untimely loss of his mother at the age of seven, Horace faced life's challenges with remarkable fortitude, completing his primary education and pursuing training at a trade school, thereby laying the foundation for a lifetime of honest labor and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr. began his professional life as a barber in Clarendon, Jamaica, where he met his beloved wife, Hyacinth, with whom he shared 50 years of marriage and raised seven children in a home rooted in love, faith, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, He went on to expand his skills beyond barbering into carpentry and later established and successfully operated a trucking business for more than a decade, exemplifying determination and self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr. immigrated to Brooklyn, New York, with his wife and children in pursuit of greater opportunities, contributing meaningfully to the economic and civic life of his adopted community; and

WHEREAS, In New York, he continued to serve others through his work as a part-time barber and as an employee in the medical services field, working in the building services department at Brook Plaza Medical and later as a supervisor at Flushing Hospital, where he remained until his retirement in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr.

fulfilled a lifelong dream by opening Sir B's Barber Shop in Brooklyn, which became more than a place of business-it served as a center of mentorship, encouragement, wisdom, and community connection; and

WHEREAS, A long-serving Deacon at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brooklyn, Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr. dedicated his life to faith-based service, quietly uplifting others through kindness, compassion, and steadfast devotion to God and community; and

WHEREAS, Known affectionately as "Sir B," "Mr. Bailey," and "Deacon Bailey," he was admired for his gentle spirit, moral integrity, and unwavering belief in hard work, often reminding those around him that "the reward for good work is more work"; and

WHEREAS, Horace found joy in his faith, his family, and his love of music, particularly spending Sunday afternoons playing the guitar after church, a reflection of his peaceful and grateful spirit; and

WHEREAS, Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr. is survived by his devoted wife, Hyacinth; two sons; five daughters; 20 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five brothers; one sister; and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, His life leaves an enduring legacy of perseverance, faith, service, and love that will continue to inspire generations within his family and the broader community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the passing of Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr., and to extend its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all those who were privileged to know him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Horace Hectford Bailey, Sr.