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Resolution honoring the late Horace Morancie.

By Council Member Williams

Whereas, Horace Morancie was born in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, came to New York in 1954 at the age of 25 and passed away on February 4, 2015 at age 85 in Brooklyn; and

Whereas, According to the Daily News, Horace Morancie was appointed by Mayor John Lindsay to serve as director of Central Brooklyn Model Cities, a multi-faceted anti-poverty program created under President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society and War on Poverty, for which Morancie developed plans for job training, housing, sanitation, crime prevention, police-community relations, economic development, education, social services, union organization, transportation and other benefits for the borough; and

Whereas, According to the Urban Resource Institute, Horace Morancie was one of the founders of the Urban Resource Institute, a comprehensive human services program that provides help to victims of domestic violence, the developmentally disabled, and those struggling with substance abuse; and

Whereas, According to the Urban Resource Institute, Morancie served on the Urban Resource Institute's Board of Trustees since its inception in 1969 and served as its Chair for 20 years; and

Whereas, Horace Morancie's commitment to his community was further illustrated through his work as a founding board member of the community-based, START addiction recovery and treatment program and as a member of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, According to the Daily News, Horace Morancie managed New York City's first large steel band and helped organize the West Side Symphony's performances at Radio City Music Hall in 1965; and

Whereas, Horace Morancie served as an officer in the United States Steel Band Association and was instrumental in the presentation of its Panorama shows in New York City during his tenure; and

Whereas, Horace Morancie worked throughout his life for the benefit of his community by promoting cultural understanding between Caribbean Americans, African Americans and all other communities. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York honors the late Horace Morancie.

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