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"January 12th will always be a day of mourning for Haitians and for Haitian-Americans. The catastrophic earthquake in Haiti caused shock and grief that extends far beyond Haiti's borders, and we in New York City have the largest Haitian-American population and the oldest Haitian-American communities in the U.S.

"We extend our deepest condolences to those who lost loved ones and friends in the horrific earthquake. As we utilize every resource available to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti to recover and rebuild, we must also support our fellow New Yorkers who have been affected by the calamity.

"As we show solidarity with the Haitian people, so must we demonstrate it with Haitian-Americans. As we assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti, so must we aid our Haitian-American neighbors. We must affirm that we are all one people, one human family.

“It is in time of tragedy that the nobility and generosity of the human spirit can truly shine through. We gather today to demonstrate that we will support and assist the thousands of our fellow citizens affected by this devastation. I commend Governor Paterson and Mayor Bloomberg for establishing the New York Haitian Earthquake Family Resource Center at the Bedford Avenue Armory in Brooklyn.”

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