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Senate Resolution No. 1741

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Colin A. Moore, prominent Caribbean attorney, civil rights leader and distinguished citizen

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; Colin A. Moore was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Colin A. Moore, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Colin A. Moore of Brooklyn, New York, died on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Born in Auchlyne Village, Corentyne Coast, Berbice, Guyana, on April 24, 1941, Colin A. Moore earned his Bachelor of Science degree with honors in economics from the University of West Indies (UWI); upon his return to his native land, he was appointed executive director of the National History and Culture Council in 1964; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Colin A. Moore diligently worked to have February 23rd, the date of the Berbice Slave Rebellion, declared a national holiday, and to have Kofi, the leader of the Berbice Slave Rebellion, designated as Guyana's first national hero; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Colin A. Moore migrated to New York, and received his Jurist Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School in June of 1978; in

February of 1979, he was admitted to the New York State Bar; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his esteemed law career, Colin A. Moore served as a civic-minded proponent for justice, especially as a patriot for his native land of Guyana, who dedicated his life to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Colin A. Moore took on many high-profile cases in New York, and is perhaps best known for his role as attorney for Korey Wise, one of the "Central Park Five" suspects, who was falsely accused, prosecuted and falsely convicted for the rape and assault of a white woman in Central Park in Manhattan; 30 years later, they were all exonerated after spending many years in prison and a Netflix miniseries, "When They See Us" revisited the true story of the five young men who were wrongly convicted; and

WHEREAS, After 15 years practicing law, Colin A. Moore pursued his many other passions; he obtained a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary, was appointed a Congressional Aide to retired United States Congressman Edolphus "Ed" Towns, and taught Constitutional Law at Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, Colin A. Moore was also a writer for the New York-based Carib News, among other publications, and was a frequent analyst on television and radio; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these pursuits, Colin A. Moore became actively involved with politics and co-founded the Freedom Party; he also led several New York organizations including the Caribbean Action Lobby, Marcus Garvey Political Club, and the Jamaica, Queens branch of the National Association for the Jamaica, Queens branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Colin A. Moore is survived by his wife, Ela, and their children, as well as numerous friends and colleagues who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Colin A. Moore's name is synonymous with character, dignity, intellect, depth, and humor, qualities evident to his family and to all those who were fortunate enough to have known him; 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 Colin A. Moore, prominent Caribbean attorney, civil rights leader and distinguished citizen; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Colin A. Moore.