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STATEMENT BY SPEAKER CHRISTINE C. QUINN

Re: Decision to prosecute murder of Roberto Duncanson as a hate crime

Another life has been taken in our City because of senseless and violent hate. District Attorney Charles Hynes is rightly prosecuting the murder of Roberto Duncanson as a hate crime and I commend DA Hynes for his continued diligence in making sure hate crimes are prosecuted under the fullest extent of the law.

As we celebrate Gay Pride Month, we are once again tragically reminded that so much more needs to be done to stop hate crimes. Decisive action like this by law enforcement officials sends the message that these crimes will not be tolerated in New York City.

As New Yorkers, we must also make it clear that hate crimes, and the intolerance that leads to them, will not be accepted in our City. As Speaker of the City Council, and as a member of the LGBT community, I will continue to work toward making this a reality.

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