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**STATEMENT BY BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY DARCEL D. CLARK ON THE  
PASSING OF JUDGE STERLING JOHNSON JR.**

“I am saddened to hear of the death of Senior U.S. District Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. of the Eastern District of New York. He was a groundbreaker and a person of great integrity, compassion and fairness.

“Sterling was a wonderful mentor and friend who helped me and countless others throughout a public service career that spanned 56 years and every facet of the criminal justice system. As one of the founders of the National Black Prosecutors Association, he influenced my life. His example and leadership are responsible for my being the Bronx County District Attorney today.

“From an NYPD Officer to Special Narcotics Prosecutor to federal judge, he contributed to the betterment of our city.

“May he rest in peace, and his memory be a blessing to his family.”

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