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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON THE PASSING OF HANK WILLIAMS**

“Chirlane and I were saddened to learn of the passing of Hank Williams. Hank was a true leader and innovator in the tech world, and his non-profit organization Platform focused on making it easier for young people of color and underrepresented groups to follow in his footsteps. New York has lost an irreplaceable champion for a diverse, equitable innovation economy, but we will soldier on in our push to increase diversity in tech – a mission Hank shared. I am honored to have had Hank Williams as a member of my Broadband Task Force, and I offer condolences to Hank’s wife and daughter on behalf of my administration and all New Yorkers.”

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