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CONGRATULATING Gerard Cadet upon the occasion of
his retirement after many years of service to
1199SEIU

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Gerard Cadet upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of service to 1199SEIU; and

WHEREAS, Gerard Cadet proudly served his country as a Platoon Sergeant in the United States Armed Forces for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Gerard Cadet discovered his passion for food science and culinary arts, and pursued a nutrition and culinary arts degree at Central Texas College; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military contract, Gerard Cadet continued to serve as a reservist and was appointed to the position of trainer for the duration of his battalion; and

WHEREAS, In his civilian life, Gerard Cadet became a catering chef at Downstate Medical Center where he witnessed disturbing behaviors from management toward vulnerable workers, catapulting his drive to cease the injustices of the working class; and

WHEREAS, Gerard Cadet joined 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, ultimately organizing the Ditmas Park Care Center, which led to a victory for the union; and

WHEREAS, As Vice President at Large, Gerard Cadet has led many contract negotiations, substantially improving the quality of life of 1199SEIU members and their families, providing leadership from New York to Florida; and

WHEREAS, Since 1992, Gerard Cadet has recognized politicians seeking the Haitian American vote and has successfully created coalitions which empower and support candidates; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Gerard Cadet upon the occasion of his retirement after many

years of service to 1199SEIU; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerard Cadet.