

**BY:** M. of A. Solages

**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.