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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Adrian Huff upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 445

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks 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 honor Adrian Huff upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Local 445 to be celebrated with a party held in his honor on Wednesday, April 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Adrian Huff joined the IBT Local 445 through an organizing effort which he helped spearhead at the age of 21; his passion for ensuring accountability, responsibility, and integrity kept him involved in union affairs; and

WHEREAS, That same passion prompted Adrian Huff to run for President of Local 445 in 2005; subsequently, he won the election; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Adrian Huff has held the position of Secretary /Treasurer, Principal Officer, and winning re-election in 2009 and 2013; since being elected, he has worked with his team to increase membership by an impressive 30%; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Adrian Huff is responsible for overseeing all Collective Bargaining Agreement, labor relations, and organizing efforts within Local 445; today, Local 445 boasts a membership of over 3,300 Teamsters, consisting of construction workers, nurses, civil servants, food industry workers, police and correction officers, college employees, school bus drivers and hospital workers; and

WHEREAS, Adrian Huff has taken an active role within the IBT in organizing over 60,000 school bus drivers across the United States and Canada; he and Local 445 have been recognized internationally within the IBT; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2011, Adrian Huff received the IBT's General Secretary/Treasurer Award for accomplishments in helping to restructure the Massey Energy Corporation hierarchy after the death of 29 miners in April of 2010, the deadliest coal mining accident in over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, An outspoken advocate for the working people's rights, Adrian Huff has worked to ensure fair and equitable contracts for Local 445 members; he and his team have successfully organized over 700 school bus drivers, and 150 police officers, working towards 200 additional law enforcement personnel, winning more than 35 organizing victories; and

WHEREAS, Adrian Huff serves as the Chairman of the Board of Local 445 Benefit Fund, and is also a Trustee of Teamsters Local 338 Funds, and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Adrian Huff served with loyalty, honor and distinction and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his parish, St. Joseph's in Florida, New York, Adrian Huff has served three terms as past Vice President of St. Joseph's Holy Name Society; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 24 years, Mary, and their three children, Martha, Lisa and Jesse, as well as their 4 year old grandson, Jeffrey, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Adrian Huff upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 445, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adrian Huff.