

## 2015-J2869

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kaseem Moultrie upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 President's Award by the Capital District Area Labor Federation on June 18, 2015

WHEREAS, Labor unions, through the integrity and dedication of their leadership, have assumed an essential and integral role in ensuring the welfare, safety and economic stability of the workers of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the efforts of those individuals who distinguish themselves in service to the cause of working men and women in 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 Kaseem Moultrie upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 President's Award by the Capital District Area Labor Federation, to be celebrated at its 10th Annual Appreciation Gala on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Queens, New York, Kaseem Moultrie moved to Albany, New York, in 1998; employed as a housekeeper at Whitney Young Health Center in Arbor Hill, he became a member of SEIU Local 200 United; and

WHEREAS, Kaseem Moultrie's passion for getting involved in the labor movement and the community was sparked by his hope that one day he would be able to support his wife and four children by working for fair wages and benefits, and not relying on public assistance; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past 14 years, Kaseem Moultrie has diligently worked on various campaigns, such as raising the minimum wage in New York State from \$5.15 an hour, to where it is today, \$8.75 an hour; and

WHEREAS, Kaseem Moultrie has proudly assisted hundreds of Upstate New

York workers gain their recognition as a Union with SEIU Local 200

United, immensely improving their lives; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, Kaseem Moultrie was elected to the position of Recording Secretary of SEIU Local 200 United; and

WHEREAS, Kaseem Moultrie truly lives by his mantra that "in order to obtain the things that we need as working men and women, we must stand united publicly and voice our concerns in order to make the improvements that we would like to see"; and

WHEREAS, Fighting for social and economic justice is a way of life for Kaseem Moultrie; he has rendered dedicated, faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Capital District Area Labor Federation, serving with loyalty, honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kaseem Moultrie upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 President's Award by the Capital District Area Labor Federation on June 18, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kaseem Moultrie.