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Senate Resolution No. 1832

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING Eddie Rodriguez upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Local 372 NYC Board of Education Employees on May 3, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of worthy purpose whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great City and 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 commend Eddie Rodriguez upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Local 372 NYC Board of Education Employees at its Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, aboard the Hornblower Infinity Yacht; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Rodriguez is currently the President of New York City Clerical-Administrative Employees Local 1549, a title he has held since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Since May of 2011, Eddie Rodriguez has also served as President of District Council 37, AFSCME, and from 2003-2016, he held the title of International Vice-President of AFSCME; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 19, Eddie Rodriguez began his civil service career as a clerk with the Department of Social Services; shortly thereafter, he was promoted to the position of Income Maintenance Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Rodriguez started his labor career as a Shop Steward at Dyckman Center in 1976; he quickly rose through the ranks of Local 1549, first serving as Chair of the Department of Social Services Chapter, then as 1549 Delegate to District Council 37, Sergeant-at-Arms, 5th Vice President of Local 1549, and finally, in 2001, was elected as President of Local 1549; and

WHEREAS, In his tenure as Local 1549 President, Eddie Rodriguez has worked tirelessly to advance the rights and improve the conditions of his members, pushing for civilianization at the NYPD, fighting on behalf of 911 workers enduring excessive overtime and addressing unfair work rules and labor practices for all Local 1549 members; and

WHEREAS, Proud of his heritage, Eddie Rodriguez advocated for and created the DC 37 Latino Heritage Committee which celebrates Latino history and the accomplishments of Latino communities; in addition, he served as the co-Chair of the DC37 Latino Heritage Committee, and was the Vice President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement; and

WHEREAS, As President of District Council 37, Eddie Rodriguez presides over Delegates Meetings and Executive Board Meetings; he also works closely with District Council 37's Executive Director and all DC37

Local Presidents and is proud to fight hard on behalf of all DC37 members; and

WHEREAS, The success of the City and State of New York, and of our nation, depends on organizations such as Local 372 and its members who have dedicated their lives to nurturing our most precious resource, our children; 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 commend Eddie Rodriguez upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Local 372 NYC Board of Education Employees on May 3, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eddie Rodriguez.