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Senate Resolution No. 1833

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING Anthony Harmon 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 Anthony Harmon 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, Anthony Harmon is truly a whirlwind of energy who turns multi-tasking into an art form and seems to never get a moment's rest; as the UFT's Director of Parent and Community Outreach; Director of Dial-A-Teacher, the union's homework help service; Director of the Albert Shanker Scholarship Fund; and Chair of the UFT African Heritage Committee, he is always on the go with an abundance of duties and challenges to be met; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as the union's point person on parent and community outreach, Anthony Harmon acts as the UFT's ambassador to many grass-roots parent and civic organizations as well as cultural and religious institutions; he considers every new partnership that he can help forge between the union and individuals concerned about education to be worthwhile; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Harmon began his educational career in 1987, at the School of Graphic Communications Arts where he taught graphic arts and leadership to students in grades 9-12; during that time, he served as the school's Coordinator of Student Affairs, Senior Advisor, School-to-Work Coordinator and yearbook advisor; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Anthony Harmon joined the UFT staff full-time as an assistant to the Vice President for Elementary Schools; seven years later, he held the position of UFT Director of Community and Parent Outreach; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with UFT, Anthony Harmon serves as the President of the New York Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, President of the New York Branch of the NAACP, and a delegate to the Central Labor Council and the AFL-CIO convention; he is also a member of the National Board of Directors of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), and the Board for the Greater New York Labor and Religion Coalition; 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 Anthony Harmon 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 Anthony Harmon.