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Senate Resolution No. 5088

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING New York City College of Technology upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Dinner Reception in Support of Ecole Superieure en Tourisme et Hotellerie

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those exemplary institutions of higher education within the State of New York for their enduring commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend New York City College of Technology upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Dinner Reception in Support of Ecole Superieure en Tourisme et Hotellerie on Wednesday, May 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2011, as a part of the CUNY Haiti Initiative, a needs assessment of Haiti's local hospitality industry was conducted by faculty from City Tech and Kingsborough Community College; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, City Tech Professor Jean F. Claude was one of three CUNY faculty members who traveled to Cap-Haitien, Haiti, to conduct a series of seminars in sanitation and food safety, as well as

English; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, these seminars were structured in partnership with Universite Publique du Nord au Cap-Haitien (UPNCH), and saw 80 participants successfully complete and receive certificates in Hospitality Management; and

WHEREAS, The immediate success of this pilot program led to the development and implementation of the first associate degree in hospitality management in Haiti, giving birth to Ecole Supedeure au Toudsme et Hotellerie (ESUTH) at UPNCH; and

WHEREAS, The CUNY-sponsored and City Tech managed ESUTH opened its doors on January 17, 2012, with a cohort of 52 students; and

WHEREAS, Since 2012, more than 5,000 students' ages 18-22 have registered to take the ESUTH admissions exam, competing for one of the 60 seats available each January; in October of 2016, 80 students from the first two cohorts graduated with Associates and Bachelor's degrees conferred by the UPNCH with ESUTH as their specialization; and

WHEREAS, City Tech is now in phase two of ensuring that ESUTH is sustained and continues to serve as a workforce generator in Haiti; this phase includes a capital campaign to support construction of adequate training facilities for ESUTH to ensure students enrolled in the program receive instructional tools that match the quality training they are receiving; and

WHEREAS, In today's increasingly global society, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals and institutions which foster global understanding and encourage international partnerships; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend New York City College of Technology upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Dinner Reception in Support of Ecole Superieure en Tourisme et Hotellerie; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York City College of Technology.