

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE — GREG BLACKMAN

WHEREAS, Greg Blackman has been a committed union activist since the age of 18, as a rail car cleaner for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA); and

WHEREAS, he became a member of the Government Supervisors Association of Florida (GSAF)/OPEIU Local 100 at age 29 and, two years later, was appointed union representative; and

WHEREAS, in that role, he represented GSAF members in all aspects of contract administration and, at age 38, was elected first vice president of his union; and

WHEREAS, nine years later, he was elected president of GSAF and spent 14 years leading his union, transforming it into an organizing powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed a vice president representing Region III to the International Executive Board in June 2010; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to OPEIU and the labor movement more generally has led to the growth of GSAF in the right-to-work state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, his work as a vice president on the Florida AFL-CIO Executive Board and on the South Florida Central Labor Council have expanded OPEIU's capacities in the Sunshine State; and

WHEREAS, his lifelong advocacy for working people has brought the benefits of union membership to generations of workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the members, officers and staff of OPEIU express their appreciation for Greg Blackman's decades of service to the labor movement and to OPEIU, and wish for him a healthy, happy and long-lasting retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the delegates to the 29th OPEIU Convention hereby confer on Greg Blackman the title of Vice President Emeritus.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 2023