

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 26, 2017

RESOLUTION HONORING WARD THREE COUNCILLOR HENRY G. BOUSQUET ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NEW BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Henry G. Bousquet was born and raised in the City of New Bedford, graduating from St. Anthony's Elementary School and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, later receiving an Associate's Degree in Communications from Bristol Community College, in addition, Henry holds a Culinary Educator Professional License from the Massachusetts Department of Education, is a Certified Executive Chef under the American Culinary Federation and is an occupational education Bachelor's Degree candidate at Fitchburg State University; and

WHEREAS, Henry G. Bousquet, who three months after meeting her, proposed to Theresa "Tee" Saucier, then married her on November 17, 2001, in a lavish medieval wedding ceremony, they are the proud parents of two daughters, Phoebe Pauline and Payton Promise; and

WHEREAS, Henry G. Bousquet became the owner/operator of the successful Four Corners Breakfast and Catering on the corner of Nauset and Mt. Pleasant Streets, later selling the business and with his wife purchased Cobblestone Restaurant in the Downtown Historic area, this business was also very successful, and named a "South Coast Favorite" two years in a row and was singled out by Cape Cod Life Magazine as Editor's Pick for Best Breakfast Place and earned Chef Henry the title of "The Cheese Roll Guy"; and

WHEREAS, The Bousquets contributed to various charities through their businesses, even hosting former Massachusetts Senator John F. Kerry and the entire South Coast Democratic Delegation for a special event; and

WHEREAS, During his business career as a restaurant owner, Henry G. Bousquet became aware of the importance of community service leading to his initial involvement in our City neighborhoods by his initiating a downtown marketing collaborative, followed in 2006, by his work with the Mount Pleasant Street Neighborhood Group, in which he currently serves as President, while also active in Neighborhoods United of New Bedford, working to improve the quality of life for those in his community; and

WHEREAS, When Henry G. Bousquet was first elected to public office in November 2011, as the Councillor representing the residents and business owners in the Ward 3 district of New Bedford, where he has been a strong voice committed to the welfare of his constituents and the betterment of his Ward; giving selflessly of his time, conducting himself honorably and often expressing his humble gratitude for the opportunity to serve the people of Ward Three; and

WHEREAS, Councillor Henry G. Bousquet, is a trusted and valued colleague who has made many important contributions during his years in office, holding leadership roles as the Chairperson of the Committees on Appointments and Briefings, Veterans Affairs Elderly, Health, Housing and Disability Issues, Internal Affairs, Special Committees on Environmental Affairs, Memorials and Dedications, the Energy Resource Commission and the Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, Councillor Henry G. Bousquet, who is known for the wearing of his colorful bow ties, his crazy chef hats and his funky chef pants, has a quick wit and a great sense of humor and is still a kid at heart who often enjoys dressing up and role playing as King Henry VIII and assisting Santa Claus each year attending events to bring joy to good little boys and girls in New Bedford; and

WHEREAS, On February 01, 2017, with a heavy heart, Councillor Henry G. Bousquet will resign his elected position as the Ward Three City Councillor, a job he has humbly held and admirably served since 2011, and return to his full-time career as a Culinary Arts Instructor at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council is justly proud to honor their Friend and Colleague **HENRY G. BOUSQUET, COUNCILLOR WARD THREE**, in grateful appreciation for his dedication and hard work on behalf of his Constituents and the City of New Bedford and expresses their best wishes for a happy, healthy future with his wonderful family.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council extends their thanks to **THE HONORABLE HENRY G. BOUSQUET, COUNCILLOR WARD THREE**, as this Resolution is presented to him on the occasion of his last City Council Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017, as an expression of his colleagues' respect and affection, wishing him continued success and pride in all that he has accomplished during his career in public service.