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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN CONGRATULATES RECIPIENTS OF BUILDING SERVICE WORKERS AWARDS

Honorees recognized for their hard-work and dedication on behalf of office workers, residents, and students throughout the city

New York, NY – Council Member Margaret Chin last night attended the Building Service Workers Awards to recognize the remarkable men and women of 32BJ SEIU who work to keep our schools and workplaces clean, safe and in working order.

As the Council Member representing Lower Manhattan, Chin was particularly proud to recognize the efforts of award winners **Marie Le Bon**, a cleaner at 25 Broadway; **Haydee Reynald**, a cleaner at Stuyvesant High School; and **Lance Mumford**, a security officer at the World Trade Center site.

“These New Yorkers work tirelessly, day after day, to keep others safe, maintain their buildings and make sure that everyone has a clean environment in which to live, work and learn. Unfortunately, these workers do not always get the appreciation that their contributions to our city deserve,” Council Member Chin said. “I thank 32BJ and their partners in the private sector for helping recognize their efforts on behalf of their fellow workers, residents and students across our city.”

An immigrant from Haiti, **Marie Le Bon** has been a cleaner for buildings since 1974. She is active in her church, where she works as an usher and Bingo organizer. She has worked in her current building at 25 Broadway for 10 years. When asked about what she likes about her job, Le Bon said, “Everything.”

Only two days after the Sept. 11 attacks, **Haydee Reynald** returned to work at Stuyvesant High School to clean up dust and debris from the towers that collapsed just three blocks away. As a cleaner who began working at the school in 1998, Reynald takes great pride in helping people and in watching the students of her school grow up and succeed.

Lance Mumford became a security guard after serving his country in the military and National Guard. Mumford says he is honored to work at the World Trade Center site, calling it a “privilege” to be part of the resurgence of Lower Manhattan after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The three honorees joined 17 other building service workers recognized at Thursday’s ceremony at the headquarters of 32BJ SEIU on 18th Street in Chelsea.

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