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Brothers and Sisters,

Today, on Veterans Day, I want to take a moment to personally honor the men and women who have served our country, especially those in the District Council. Our veterans have given so much to protect our freedom, and it's an honor and privilege to stand with them when they return home.

Through our partnership with Helmets to Hardhats in New York City, veterans have a clear path into our apprenticeship program. The discipline, teamwork, and dedication they learned in the military translate directly into successful careers as union carpenters. They earn good wages, benefits, and the security of a future built with their own hands. I am especially proud of our brother from Local 926, Kasan Kelley, who was recognized by Helmets to Hardhats last Friday for his service in the United States Army and his success within the union. Congratulations, Kasan.

I am also proud to be part of a union that does not just say we support our veterans, but we show it through action. Since 2015, we have raised over \$2.5 million for Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors, building accessible homes for veterans who returned from service with life-changing injuries. Those homes are built by union carpenters with the same pride and craftsmanship we bring to every job. It is our way of giving back to those who have given so much.

This Veterans Day, I encourage you to thank the veterans in your life and show your appreciation in a real way whenever you can. To all the active-duty members and veterans in our brotherhood, on behalf of myself and the New York City District Council of Carpenters, thank you for your service, your strength, and your sacrifice. We are proud to stand with you today and every day.

In Solidarity,

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