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## PROVIDENCE, RI MAYOR DAVID CICILLINE AND LOCAL 121 RESTAURANT OWNER JOSHUA MILLER WIN FIRST ANNUAL 2010 MAYORS' CULINARY CUP AWARD

Washington, D.C. – Providence, RI Mayor David Cicilline and Local 121 Restaurant owner Joshua Miller won the first annual 2010 Mayors' Culinary Cup Award today during a high profile lunch at the U.S. Conference of Mayors winter meeting in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, The National Restaurant Association and The Culinary Institute of America recognized the importance of highlighting the role restaurants play improving the quality of life and created the Mayors' Culinary Cup. This new award shines the spotlight on the contributions restaurants make each and every day in their community through support of its Mayors programs and initiatives.

"The Conference of Mayors recognizes the importance of highlighting the philanthropic side of restaurants and the role they play in improving the quality of life for America's cities. Through a partnership with the National Restaurant Association and the Culinary Institute of America, we are thrilled to kick off the first annual Mayors' Culinary Cup", said Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director.

Josh Miller, Restaurant Owner Local 121, has been one of the Mayor Cicilline's strongest partners through his encouragement and advocacy to local restaurants to support mayoral initiatives featured in Mayor Cicilline's *Greenprint: Providence*. *Greenprint: Providence* is the City's first-ever strategic plan on commercial recycling and sustainable operation practices in restaurants. Mr. Miller worked closely with Mayor Cicilline to encourage restaurants to consider promoting local water resources in addition or in place of bottle water. Last spring Local 121 hosted a media event that created a water tasting challenge to encourage restaurants to consider promoting local water resources in addition or in place of bottle water. Mr. Miller also supports the sustainable economy efforts in Providence by only using locally produced and grown food products.

"We are pleased to partner with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Culinary Institute of America to recognize Josh Miller for working with local leaders and serving his community," said Dawn Sweeney, President and CEO of the National Restaurant Association. "Sustainability is the new way of doing business in our industry and local sourcing is a hot trend in restaurants this year. Mr. Miller is a great example of the positive impact these efforts can have on enhancing the quality of life for all we serve."