

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010**

**1:36 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The House will come to order. Reverend Elia will offer a prayer.

REVEREND DONNA ELIA: Let us bow our hearts and minds in prayer. Holy God of new beginnings, You are our help in ages past and our hope for years to come. We thank You for this day, for our loved ones, for the privilege of serving in public office, for this new year.

This Legislature gathers for the good of our State and for the people they serve. Give them courage for these challenging times and perseverance as they brave a tough economy. Help them find a way through disagreement with civility, and gift them with problem-solving skills. Pour out a generous measure of Your spirit upon them as they discern and formulate new ideas. Help them to hear the voice of the voiceless.

We pray, oh, Lord, that You would grant them wisdom in their speaking, listening and decision-making, that You would give them clarity as they work together to further justice and equity in government and strengthen any who, on this day, are weary or in particular need of Your blessing.

We pause a moment, also, to pray for the people of Haiti and for their nation as they rebuild. Comfort the grieving, soothe the dying, heal the injured, and be strong and loving as You continue to help us to persevere in the world as we hope for peace. In Your holy name, we pray, amen.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Visitors are invited to join the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon Acting Speaker Wright led visitors and members in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Monday, January 25, 2010.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Monday, January 25, 2010 and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: In terms of our schedule for today, members and guests, the members have on their desk the main Calendar.

We'll continue our work today on working off the main Calendar with bills on that Calendar starting on Calendar No. 5 on page 5.

Majority colleagues should note there will be a Democratic Conference once our floor activity has been concluded, and I know there are some introductions, Mr. Speaker, and whatever housekeeping you may have. Let's take up the introductions and housekeeping and then go directly to the main Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Mr. Michael Miller for an introduction.

MR. M. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today for the purpose of an introduction. I have friends of mine here from Woodhaven, the 38th District, from Independent Residences, and I would like to introduce Ravi Dahiya, who's the Associate Executive Director of IRI and his staff, Grainne Vis, Cynthia Vincent and Dennis Rogers. But more importantly, I have two friends of mine from the Forest Park Aktion Club, which is a Kiwanis Club for adults with disabilities, and they're joining me here today, two charter members. I have Aaron Malik Moore and Arthur Mims, and I would like to introduce them to the Assembly. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On behalf of Mr. Miller, the Speaker and all of the members, we welcome your distinguished guests to the Chamber. We extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Mr. Brook-Krasny.

MR. BROOK-KRASNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the purpose of an introduction, an official introduction. First, just a few words on a personal note, Mr. Speaker, if you'll permit me.

Please help me in welcoming our guests from the parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Tatarstan, the Autonomy of Russian Federation, led by Farid Mukhamestshin, the Speaker of the Tatarstan Parliament. Also visiting with him are Marat Galeev, Chairman of the Tatarstan State Council Committee on Economy, Investment and Business; Mikhail Stloyvarov, First Deputy Plenipotentiary Representative of the Republic in the Russian Federation; Sergey Yushko, Director-General of the Technopark; Ravil Nigmedzyanov, Representative of the Republic of Tatarstan in the United States; and Dr. Vladimir Kholodnov, Department Chair of Kazan Academy of Social Education.

The Republic of Tatarstan has a rich heritage and multicultural nature. Much like New York State, it historically plays the role of a political and economic center, as well as the meeting point of civilizations and religions. The Republic of Tatarstan has longstanding relations with foreign counties and collaborates with many regions of the world, actively participating in the exchange of ideas. The goal of this delegation visit is to establish a foundation with the Legislature of the State of New York for the purpose of collaborating on various topics such as education, social-economic development, business, technology and cultural diversity. Mutually beneficial international relations and foreign

economic collaboration amongst our regions will strive to achieve progress in developing new programs that combat economic and social challenges we face, as well as strengthen legislative practices.

During their visit the parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Tatarstan will also spend some of their visit with the State University of New York, looking for ways to improve their economy by getting involved in new technologies such as Nanotechnology and smart investment of their funds.

Now just a few words on a personal note, Mr Speaker. I left the country of the Soviet Union, which is not in existence anymore, at the very beginning of 1989. When I was saying my farewells to my relatives, I thought that I would be leaving that country forever and I'm not going see my relatives anymore. It was the beginning of 1989. And who would even imagine that within a few months we would see the falling of the Berlin Wall and the great change that took place on the other part of the globe in Eastern Europe.

Today, for the first time, I have the pleasure of introducing a delegation from the other side of the globe, people who happen to speak the same language that I speak, and, Mr. Speaker, my desire to see more delegations from the Russian Federation here was the idea of mutual cooperation, and even more importantly was mutual understanding of two nations.

Mr. Speaker, thank you very much for this opportunity and please join me in welcoming our guests, and extend the privilege of this House, which we call the People's House for very serious reasons,

and please extend the privileges of this House to them. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Brook-Krasny.

Mr. Rivera on the same subject.

MR. P. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess some of my colleagues are wondering what am I, a Puerto Rican from Puerto Rico and the South Bronx, doing speaking up on behalf of individuals from the other side of the world. And I can give a very long explanation, but I'll make it very brief. I guess it's because we are all brothers and sisters, and that's why I'm speaking up on their behalf.

Interestingly enough, in an earlier conversation that we had, they're interested in the parliamentary process of the United States and the relationship between states and the central government, and they brought out and they wanted to know more about the relationship between Puerto Rico and the central government and I guess I am an expert on that, at least some of my colleagues may say that I am, but it's a developing relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States. And I know that the relationship between their Republic and the central government is also a developing relationship and something that we can learn and we can share from each other.

I'm really impressed with their concentration, with their effort, with the fact that, of all the states in the United States that they can visit, they're only visiting one state and that happens to be New York State. The fact that they're interested in many, many things that New

York State has to offer, but they're interested in the future and that is Nanotechnology. And the fact that they have a developing Nanotechnology industry in their country, in their Republic, and they want to learn about how we do it, also, and how we can share and we can exchange information. And if you ask me what the future is for Puerto Rico, for Russia, for Tatarstan, for the United States, it's those kinds of relationships, those kinds of developments, those kinds of exchange of information and technology that really is the salvation and the future for the future of the world.

With that in mind, Mr. Speaker, we prepared a proclamation, which I will be handing to the Speaker of Tatarstan in a few minutes, basically acknowledging his presence here and thanking him for picking us of all states that he could have picked, and for really hoping to make us their partners in the development of this world. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Rivera.  
And on the same subject matter, Ms. Glick.

MS. GLICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the opportunity earlier today to meet with this delegation and to have a lively exchange regarding the concerns around higher education - I did this in my capacity as Chair of Higher Education - and the development of a university system in their Republic, and the possibilities for exchange and discussions with SUNY about how SUNY has developed over the years and how there may be an exchange between SUNY and their growing university system.

So, it was fascinating. It was, I think, an important first step in making connections between their Republic and our State, and I look forward to our continued communication with this delegation. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On behalf of Mr. Brook-Krasny, Mr. Rivera and Ms. Glick, the Speaker and all of the members, we welcome you, these distinguished guests from the Republic of Tatarstan to the Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Yes, Mr. Speaker, also to the rear of the Chamber there are some guests from the District of Kevin Cahill, who's at a Budget Hearing and can't be here, but they're up from Wallkill, New York. It's a fourth grade class from the Leptondale Elementary School here with their teacher, Mrs. Dannemann.

On behalf of Mr. Cahill, a word of welcome to the students, their teacher and some of the parents who have graced us with their presence here in the Chamber. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On behalf of Mr. Canestrari, on behalf of Mr. Cahill, and on behalf of the Speaker and the members, we welcome come all of you, this wonderful fourth grade class to the Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so much for joining us here today.

(Applause)

Mr. Camara.

MR. CAMARA: Mr. Speaker, I ask that you welcome and extend the cordialities of the House to a group that we have with us today from the "Nation" of Brooklyn, New York, the Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy. They're here with us in the rear of the Chamber. Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy is dedicated to supporting the creative, educational and vocational development of youth of African descent in Flatbush, Brooklyn and surrounding communities. The name comes from the West African Yoruba word, "Ifetayo," which means, "love is enough for joy," and captures their nurturing approach to empowering youth and redefining community development. They have a range of programs from rights of passage programs to financial education, a youth ensemble, arts and education, cultural arts and the Marcus Garvey Cultural Heritage Program. They just recently won from the New York Times an award of nonprofit excellence for the great work that they've done over the past few decades and although they are currently located in St. Mark's Day School, which happens to be in the district that I represent, that work goes beyond narrow geographical boundaries, they serve the children of Brooklyn and beyond.

And just to let you know, Mr. Speaker, of the great work that they do, in a visit just about a month ago, I sat down with the class, a drumming class, and the drum teacher took me of little natural rhythm and made me seem like I had great potential on the drums.

So that's just a little bit of an example to show you about the great work that they do so, please, again, extend the cordialities of the

House to this fine organization serving the youth of Brooklyn, New York.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On behalf of Mr. Camara, the Speaker and all of the members, we welcome this wonderful cultural group to the Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor, and we hope you enjoy the proceedings and give Mr. Camara another drum lesson, and thank you for joining us today.

(Applause)

A piece of housekeeping.

Page 16, Calendar No. 85, Bill No. 8901, on a motion by Ms. DelMonte, amendments are received and adopted.

We will now go to page 3 of the Calendar, resolution by Ms. Christensen, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 915.

Legislative resolution memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim January 2010 as Letter Writing Month in the State of New York.

WHEREAS, A card or letter in the mail is like an unexpected visit from a friend, a way to connect with friends or absent loved ones which stands out among the digital clutter of voice mails and e-mails; and

WHEREAS, In an age when we so often use e-mail, text messaging and other forms of digital and electronic communication, we overlook the advantages of a well-written letter which can incorporate more detail and completeness of thought; and

WHEREAS, As a form of personal expression, letter

writing can challenge one's creativity and add to their thought development processes; and

WHEREAS, Personal letter writing is a timeless art which can express feelings of appreciation, apology, congratulation or condolence; and

WHEREAS, Letters have a lasting importance, often forming the basis of one's memoirs, documenting family history and guiding future generations and, as a business tool, nothing is as effective as putting it in writing to ensure clarity and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Unlike other forms of communication, card and letter writing are timeless, personal and immediately tangible; and

WHEREAS, Each of us can bring to mind notes and letters which have touched us and we are reminded daily of the appreciation with which those serving our nation, especially overseas, welcome the notes and letters they receive not only from their friends and loved ones, but those they receive as well from grateful citizens they will never know; and

WHEREAS, The writing, sending and receiving of letters, postcards and greeting cards is a tradition which has contributed to the preservation of our nation's history and has, on occasion, changed lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim January 2010 as Letter Writing Month in the State of New York in keeping with the observance of National Card and Letter Writing Month,

the United States Postal Service's annual month-long effort to promote literacy and celebrate the art of letter writing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Mr. Speaker, we will now, as I mentioned, go to the main Calendar, page 5, Calendar No. 5, as well. Page 5, Calendar No. 5, and let's get going. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Page 5, Calendar No. 10, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 225-A, Calendar No. 10, Jeffries, Dinowitz, Galef, Mayersohn, Benedetto, Espaillat, Fields. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to mandatory seat belt use.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the first day of November, next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: I remind my colleagues, this our first vote of the day. Please vote if you're in the Chamber. If you're not in the Chamber, please join us. First vote of the day, members. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Calendar No. 11, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 237-B, Calendar No. 11, Hevesi, Brodsky, Lancman, Peralta, Schimel, V. Lopez, John, Colton, Spano, Gunther, Jaffe, Rosenthal, Lifton, Lupardo, Fields, Hyer-Spencer, Englebright, Robinson, Kavanagh, Galef, Alessi. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to requiring utility corporations and entities to submit an annual report to the Public Service Commission, the Legislature, the Executive and the Chairman of the State Energy Planning Board detailing energy metering production.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 6, Calendar No. 15, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 275-A, Calendar No. 15, Pheffer, Destito, Kavanagh, Jaffe, Rosenthal. An act to establish the New York State Automatic Identification Technology Privacy Task Force.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 7, Calendar No. 22, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 356, Calendar No. 22, Magnarelli, Destito, Gabryszak, Perry, Koon, Lifton, Lupardo, Ramos, Barron. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to creating the Technology Employment Community Hub (TECH) Centers Program.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Calendar No. 23, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 358, Calendar No. 23, Magnarelli, Christensen. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to exemptions for certain real property owed by certain municipal corporations.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the first day of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 8, Calendar No. 27, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: 441-A, Calendar No. 27, Kavanagh, Lancman, Colton, Magnarelli, Hooper. An act to amend the County Law, in relation to requiring counties to post their county codes on line.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 180th day next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Calendar No. 32, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 509, Calendar No. 32, Kavanagh, Brodsky, Colton, Jaffe, Mayersohn, Perry, Pheffer, Reilly, J. Rivera, P. Rivera, Errigo, Rosenthal, Espaillat. An act to amend the Public Service Law and the General Business Law, in relation to third-party notification.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 90th day next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, for the second day in a row, we've been joined on the floor by the daughter of our colleague, Marc Alessi. Sarah Alessi, age four, going to be five soon, is here on the floor of the Chamber advising her father on how to vote and how to proceed as a legislator. She's doing very, very well for her second day as an honorary member of the Assembly. A word of greeting to Sarah Alessi, please.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On behalf of the Speaker, Mr. Alessi and all of the members, we welcome Lady Sarah Alessi to the floor, and may we extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings. Sarah Alessi, thank you for joining us here today.

(Applause)

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Yes, sir. On behalf of our colleague, Carl Heastie, from Monroe College, a group of students in addition to, I believe, the President of the College, Mr. Jerome, are here, and they are witnessing our activities on the floor, and on behalf of our colleague, Carl, a word of welcome to the students and this distinguished administrator.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On behalf of Mr. Heastie, the Speaker and all of the members, we welcome this distinguished body from Monroe College to the Chamber. We extend the

privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so much for joining us here today in Albany. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: And now to page 61 of the main Calendar, Calendar No. 382, followed by Calendar Nos. 157 and 318 to conclude our work on the floor. 382, 157, 318. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 5462-A, Calendar No. 382, Aubry. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to the guardianship and custody of destitute or dependent children who have a parent or parents incarcerated or in a residential substance abuse treatment program.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: An explanation has been requested, Mr. Aubry.

MR. AUBRY: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I must say, it is good to see you today.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Good to be here.

MR. AUBRY: This bill amends the Social Service Law to allow a social service agency to delay filing a petition to terminate parental rights where the parent is incarcerated or in a court-ordered residential drug treatment facility. That agency must document that the parent plays a meaningful role in the child's life and that maintaining that relationship is in the best interests of the child. The agency continues to have the discretion to file a termination petition, if otherwise appropriate.

Further, the bill provides judges with the ability to consider the unique circumstances in an incarcerated parent or a parent in a court-ordered drug treatment program in making a determination to terminate parental rights. It's a bill that we've seen before. It has been supported by memos from the Advisory Board of the Governor's Children's Cabinet, Big Brothers and Sisters of New York City, Bronx Defenders, Center for Family Representation, The Correctional Association of New York, The Children's Defense Fund, Children's Promise, Changing The World One Child At A Time, Our Children, The Legal Aid Society's Juveniles' Rights Practice, The Legal Information For Families Today, The Osborne Association, Women On The Rise Telling Their Story and The Women's Prison Association.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 27, Calendar No. 157, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 1730-C, Calendar No. 157, Brodsky. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to auction requirements.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 60th day next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 54, Calendar No. 332, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 4467-A, Calendar No. 332, Brodsky. An act to amend the Election Law, the Labor Law and the Education Law, in relation to authorizing persons 17 years of age to serve as election inspectors and poll clerks and to repeal Section 3207-a of the Education Law relating to authorizing the Board of Education of the City of New York to reduce the length of recitation periods.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Mr. Speaker and Counsel, we will now go back to the main Calendar, page 9, consenting page 9.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Page 9, Calendar No. 36, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 528, Calendar No. 36, Destito, Schroeder, Weisenberg. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to review of a provider's previous financial practices.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the first day of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Mr. Speaker, any resolutions or housekeeping up there for us?

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: We have both and we have many fine resolutions, wonderful resolutions, I may add.

However, we will start with some housekeeping.

Page 59, Calendar No. 364, Bill No. 5193-A, on a motion by Mr. Brodsky, amendments are received and adopted.

We have many fine, wonderful resolutions. A.

Privileged resolution by Mr. Hawley, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 916.

Legislative resolution honoring the Genesee County YWCA upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Genesee County YWCA upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1909, the women of Batavia, New York, realized there was a great need for an organization to provide for the spiritual, moral, social and physical condition of young women; they also recognized the necessity for residence rooms for young working women; and

WHEREAS, After some informal discussions the women applied for membership in the YWCA and selected Mrs. Frances G. Francis as its first President; and

WHEREAS, By mid-August, there were 350 members and a formal application was submitted to the YWCA USA; on February

10, 1910, the Batavia YWCA was officially chartered by the YWCA USA; and

WHEREAS, During the 1920s, the Batavia YWCA fostered many active organizations and provided lodging to numerous women; in the late 1930s, it established a kindergarten to be attended by local children; and

WHEREAS, The Batavia YWCA was greatly affected in the 1940s by World War II; the members of the YWCA worked tirelessly, collecting aluminum, contributing to the emergency fund for England and China, collecting books for the men serving in the Armed Forces and serving as a Red Cross Donor site; and

WHEREAS, Upon entering the 1970s, a time of anti-war protests and civil rights demonstrations, the YWCA of Genesee County echoed the political and social issues of the times; at this time the YWCA became a leader in the community in presenting eye-opening issues which were discussed and voted on at the YWCA National Convention; and

WHEREAS, In the 1980s, the YWCA began shifting its focus more and more to human services with the emphasis being on preschool, child care, and support services; and

WHEREAS, Looking forward to 2010, the Genesee County YWCA will complete more building renovations, establish a new safe house for domestic violence clients, initiate more racial justice programs, and continue building stronger community connections; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Genesee County

YWCA, is in direct correlation to the efforts of its administration, staff, and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the Y and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, the Genesee County YWCA has established itself as a cornerstone of the community, and stands ready to continue to fulfill its vital mission for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Genesee County YWCA upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Genesee County YWCA.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Privileged resolution by Mrs. Corwin, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 917.

Legislative resolution commending David M. Bissonette

upon the occasion of receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this legislative Body is justly proud to commend David M. Bissonette upon the occasion of receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, David M. Bissonette will be honored at the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner to be held at Samuel's Grande Manor on Thursday, February 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, David M. Bissonette has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Clarence, New York, David M. Bissonette became a member of the Clarence Volunteer Fire Department in 1978 and maintained an active status for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the Department, David M. Bissonette served in various ranks including

Assistant Chief and Chief; he also trained and lead the Clarence Fire Departments level "A" HAZMAT Team for 12 years and served on the Clarence Fire District's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, David M. Bissonette was appointed as the Emergency Coordinator for the Town of Clarence; during his 17 years, he has been responsible for providing emergency support and guidance on a number of large scale emergencies including anhydrous ammonia releases, chemical plant explosion and fire, regional heavy snow storms and long-term power outages; and

WHEREAS, David M. Bissonette is an active member of the Erie County LEPC, Disaster Coordinators Association and the Clarence Newstead Chief Association; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, David M. Bissonette is a full-time safety professional and currently the Health and Safety Manager for General Mills; and

WHEREAS, A true leader, David M. Bissonette is defined by his caring and giving nature; time and time again, he has acted with bravery and steady precision in dealing with the risk and drama of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which David M. Bissonette has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens

of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend David M. Bissonette upon the occasion of receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David M. Bissonette.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Privileged resolution by Mrs. Corwin, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 918.

Legislative resolution commending Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc. Upon the occasion of receiving the Organization of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this legislative Body is justly proud to commend Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc.

Upon the occasion of receiving the Organization of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc. Will be honored at the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner to be held at Samuel's Grande Manor on Thursday, February 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, In its 25th year of service to the communities of Clarence, Akron and Newstead, Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that provides home delivered nutritious, low cost meals to seniors and those convalescing or with mental and physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, On May 28, 1985, Meals on Wheels began serving meals out of the Clarence Senior Center; they provided service to 48 clients on four different routes; and

WHEREAS, Even as they began service, Meals on Wheels was struggling to find additional funding; to bridge the gap, officials reached out to the areas they served, looking for funding to support their routes; in Clarence and Newstead, the communities joined together and the Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force was formed; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force itself was a loosely knit-group, with representation from each of the community's service organizations; its original mandate was to provide funding for one of the four routes, and the Task Force did so by creating an annual event, Harvest Happenings; and

WHEREAS, Each fall for the next 15 years, Harvest Happenings transformed Clarence Town Park; true to its roots, every one of Clarence's nonprofit service groups helped make Harvest Happenings work, building scarecrows and staffing the event; and

WHEREAS, The group was careful to provide affordable family fun, built around the notion that a family of four could all enjoy Harvest Happenings for just twenty dollars; as a result of participation from local companies and countless individuals this was made possible; and

WHEREAS, As the hard-working volunteers of the Meals on Wheels program continued to take on additional routes and members, the Task Force responded by creating an endowment fund, allowing for a permanent source of funding for local Meals on Wheels services; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc. Realized they needed to expand beyond Harvest Happenings; the group began experimenting with other fundraising alternatives, beginning with Monte Carlo Nights, fundraising dinners and a Night of Magic; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, a local company, Rock Oak Estates, sponsored the "Barn Dance" which drew about 250 people; Paul Stephen, proprietor of Rock Oak Estates, presented the idea to the Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc.; the following year, the event was renamed, new bands were added, flyers were placed around town and "Rock the Barn" was born; and

WHEREAS, Paul Justinger, long-time Task Force member, became Chair of the Force in 2007; he merged the efforts of the Task Force with Paul Stephen's event; with the combined effort, "Rock the Barn" has quickly grown to become a Clarence tradition; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, with Paul Stephen now serving as Chair, "Rock the Barn" had its most successful year ever; the funding could not have come at a better time as the Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered nearly 28,000 meals on seven different routes in the area throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc. For its unwavering commitment to the citizens of Clarence, New York, as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative community service; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc. Upon the occasion of receiving the Organization of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task

Force, Inc.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Privileged resolution by Mrs. Corwin, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 919.

Legislative resolution commending Thomas Yaiko upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achiever of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this legislative Body is justly proud to commend Thomas Yaiko upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achiever of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Yaiko will be honored at the Clarence Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner to be held at Samuel's Grande Manor on Thursday, February 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Thomas Yaiko has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary

intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Yaiko is a Certified Public Accountant and lifelong resident of Western New York; born and raised in Clymer, New York, he attended Sherman Central School and graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1966, with a degree in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Thomas Yaiko went to work for Haskins & Sells, a public accounting firm; shortly thereafter, he was drafted and served two years in the United States Army with a one year tour of Vietnam; a valiant soldier, he was awarded the Purple Heart as well as several other medals; and

WHEREAS, After returning from service, Thomas Yaiko resumed his accounting career; he was married in 1972, and soon after moved to Clarence, New York, where he started his own accounting firm in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the enhancement of his profession, Thomas Yaiko is a member of New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Independent Accountants Association; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Thomas Yaiko has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Yaiko has been actively involved with the Indian Guides and Indian Princesses; he has coached teams in soccer, baseball and girls' softball and has served as Commissioner of the girls' softball league; he was also Treasurer of the Clarence Concert Association for several years and served a term on the Clarence School Board; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Thomas Yaiko was a member of the Friends of Clarence Board and served as its Treasurer for 10 years; while on the board, he was involved with fundraising to furnish the new library and Town of Clarence Arboretum; and

WHEREAS, Today, Thomas Yaiko is a member of the Clarence Chamber of Commerce and the Clarence Hollow Merchants Association; he is an active member of the Clarence Lions Club and is completing his fourth year as Treasurer; he also helped organize the Board of Directors for the Clarence Food Pantry, where he serves as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, A man of great faith, Thomas Yaiko is a devoted member of the Clarence Presbyterian Church and proudly serves as one of its Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Thomas Yaiko has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Maryalice, and their children, Jeffrey and Lindsay, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Thomas Yaiko has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Thomas Yaiko upon the occasion of receiving the Lifetime Achiever of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Yaiko.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Privileged resolution by Mrs. Corwin, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 920.

Legislative resolution commending Erie and Niagara Insurance Association upon the occasion of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body to honor those businesses within the State of New York which distinguish themselves through outstanding professional behavior, corporate innovation, and enduring commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this legislative Body is justly proud to commend Erie and Niagara Insurance Association upon the occasion of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Erie and Niagara Insurance Association will be honored at the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner to be held at Samuel's Grande Manor on Thursday, February 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, In 1875, 59 area farmers met in Swormville, New York, mutually pledging to pay any member for losses suffered by fire or lightning, and signed an agreement for what was to become the first farmers' cooperative assessment company in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as the Erie and Niagara County Farmers' Association, the group had 4,300 members by 1884, and in 1887, it was incorporated under New York State Insurance Law regulating insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, Operating out of its original location in Swormville until May 1, 1923, the company moved throughout the years as its scope and constituency grew; it now resides in a 30,000 square foot

facility located in the Town of Clarence, New York; today, Erie and Niagara Insurance Association serves over 71,000 policyholders, making it one of the largest cooperatives in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Erie and Niagara Insurance Association has been fortunate from its beginning to have people of vision as well as insurance and financial prowess to make the company the sparkling success it is today; and

WHEREAS, As a result of being owned by the policyholders, all of the employees and board members of the past, present and future serve as stewards of the company and it is this sense of commitment that is evident every day; and

WHEREAS, Erie and Niagara Insurance Association's mission is to provide its policyholders and agents with quality products and service in a timely fashion -- serving their needs and meeting all contractual obligations, and to build a stable, profitable business organization supported by quality people who share its commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, The growth of the company can be attributed to many reasons, including the company's appointment of independent agents, expanded coverages provided to policyholders, as well as a series of mergers with other regional associates; Erie and Niagara Insurance Association also prides itself with keeping abreast with technological advances and pursues the use of technology to service its policyholders; and

WHEREAS, Behind the name, the policy and the

building are its people; a stable workforce of 67 is key to the company's success; their efforts to maintain personal contact while upgrading technology, have consistently placed them among the favorites when rated with their peers; and

WHEREAS, Erie and Niagara Insurance Association remains a niche company used by the independent agents to insure rural upstate New York property; although most of their business is based in western and central New York, their independent agency force across the state has increased steadily with now more than 250 agents, many with multiple locations, throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this legislative Body acknowledges the Erie and Niagara Insurance Association's success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the corporation and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Erie and Niagara Insurance Association upon the occasion of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Erie and Niagara Insurance Association.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Privileged resolution by Mr. Molinaro, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 921.

Legislative resolution congratulating Chatham Middle School upon the occasion of its selection as the 2010 New York State School of Character.

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Chatham Middle School, Chatham, New York, upon the occasion of its selection as the 2010 New York State School of Character and to welcome the representatives of the school who will visit the New York State Capitol in Albany on Monday, January 25, 2010, to accept this well-deserved and prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by The Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges and the national Character Education Partnership (CEP), the New York State Schools of Character (NYSSOC) awards program recognizes schools or school districts which demonstrate

outstanding school climate and academic performance; and

WHEREAS, Though winners may differ in method, content and scope, all emphasize core ethical values such as honesty, respect, responsibility and caring; and

WHEREAS, Located in Columbia County, the staff and students of the Chatham Middle School, as well as the greater educational community, recognize early adolescence not only as a period of transition for intellectual, educational and physical development but also as a period for personal and social growth, and have long been involved in and committed to character education and student development; and

WHEREAS, Among the school's many character development initiatives of which it may be justly proud are its active Character PEACE Club and its celebration of Character Counts Week in October during which students learn the six pillars of character; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Middle School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of Chatham Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Middle School stands prepared to

reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Chatham Middle School upon the occasion of its selection as the 2010 New York State School of Character, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation, and welcoming the representatives of the school who will visit the New York State Capitol in Albany on Monday, January 25, 2010, to accept the award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chatham Middle School.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Privileged resolution by Mr. Molinaro, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 922.

Legislative resolution honoring Detective Lieutenant William Siegrist upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department after 40 years of distinguished service.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would

devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body is justly proud to honor Detective Lieutenant William Siegrist upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department after 40 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, A few minutes after reporting for his first day of work as a City of Poughkeepsie Police Officer on June 7, 1969, Detective Lieutenant William Siegrist and another officer climbed into a police car and patrolled the south side of the city for the next eight hours; for the next 40 years, he investigated crime in the city; and

WHEREAS, For 22 years, Detective Lieutenant William Siegrist served as an officer in the patrol division before being appointed as a detective in 1991; five years later, he was promoted to lieutenant and head of the detective division; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Detective Lieutenant William Siegrist and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Detective Lieutenant William Siegrist upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department after 40 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Detective Lieutenant William Siegrist.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Privileged resolution by Mr. Brook-Krasny and Mr. P. Rivera, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 923.

Legislative resolution welcoming the members of a delegation representing the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia, upon the occasion of their visit to the New York State Assembly on January 26, 2010.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body to recognize and commemorate those historical events of distinction which enrich the cultural experience and strengthen the bonds of cooperation and understanding among all peoples of this global community; and

WHEREAS, Within the community of Mankind there

are individuals of singular purpose and great achievement who serve their country, and the brotherhood of nations, with uncommon vision, intellect and commitment, commanding the greatest respect for their integrity of purpose and strength of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body is justly proud to welcome the members of a delegation representing the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia, upon the occasion of their visit to the New York State Assembly on Tuesday, January 26, 2010; an invitation was extended by the State University of New York Office of International Programs/Center on US and Russia; and

WHEREAS, The delegation is led by Dr. Farid Khairullovich Mukhametshin, Chairman of the State Council of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia, who is the Speaker of their Parliament; and

WHEREAS, Also visiting are Marat Galeev, Chairman of the Tatarstan State Council Committee on Economy, Investment and Business; Mikhail Stolyarov, First Deputy Plenipotentiary Representative of the Republic in the Russian Federation; Sergey Yushko, Director-General of the Technopark; Ravil Nigmedzyanov, Representative of the Republic of Tatarstan in the US; and Dr. Vladimir Kholodnov, Department Chair of Kazan University Academy of Social Education; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the visit is to establish inter-parliamentary relationships with the New York State Legislature for the purpose of exchange of ideas focusing on topics of dealing with

diverse population, economic development, culture/arts and education;  
and

WHEREAS, Even though Tatarstan, Russia, is an oil-rich Republic, they are looking to improve their economy by getting involved in the new technologies such as Nanotechnology and smart investment of their funds; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting with the New York State Assembly, their visit will include meeting with the New York State Senate; Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor of the State University of New York; the Center for International Development; the Center for Technology in Government; the University at Albany College of Nanoscale Sciences and Engineering; Governor David A. Paterson; and the State Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body to keep in mind the improvement of international relations, and the underlying traditions of friendship based on the commitment to common values, mutual interests and principles of openness, trust, transparency, and mutual respect, as well as taking into account the rich historical heritage, multicultural nature of the State of New York and the Republic of Tatarstan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to welcome the members of a delegation representing the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia, upon the occasion of their visit to the New York State Assembly on January 26, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably

engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the delegation from the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Now, Mr. Speaker, to our mutual friend, Mr. Colton.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The crowd is waiting with baited breath for Mr. Colton. Mr. Colton, please.

MR. COLTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be a Majority Conference following the close of Session today in the Speaker's Conference Room. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: A Majority Conference in the Speaker's Conference Room following today's proceedings.

Mr. Canestrari.

MR. CANESTRARI: Mr. Speaker, I now move the Assembly stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 26th, tomorrow being a legislative day; that we reconvene on Monday, February 1st already, at 2 o'clock, Monday, the 1st, being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER WRIGHT: The House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon at 3:44 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Monday, February 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 1st being a Session day.)