

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

11:40 A.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

In the absence of clergy, let us pause for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Visitors are invited to join members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. If I can have the members' attention so that we can announce our schedule for the day. Members have on their desks a main Calendar. We will

continue to work off the main Calendar and take bills up on debate. I would also ask members' cooperation and attention throughout the day as we make scheduling announcements regarding any necessary joint budget conference committee meetings. As members know, this is in flux and we will endeavor to keep members up to date on events as they occur and meetings as they are scheduled.

Majority members should also note that in just a few minutes, we will stand at ease and go into a Democratic conference and we will do that before we resume activities on the floor.

So, with that as a schedule and a general outline, Mr. Speaker, if there are any introductions, now would be the appropriate time.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: No introductions, Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Mr. Speaker, I would actually like to, before we begin our proceedings, introduce a good friend of mine who's joined us in the gallery this morning. I see the Superintendent of the West Irondequoit School District, which I have the privilege and honor of representing, Dr. Jeff Crane, who's joined us. He is a great friend and someone I consult with often on matters of educational policy. I would like to welcome him, extend the cordialities of the House to Dr. Crane representing the West Irondequoit School District.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly, Mr. Morelle. On behalf of Mr. Morelle, the Speaker and all the members,

we are really pleased to have these educational experts here in the House and to view the proceedings as they will continue today. We extend to you the privileges of the floor and hope that you will come back and visit us real soon. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, will you please recognize Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purposes of an announcement?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. There will be an immediate Democratic conference in the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I now move that the House stand at ease until the conclusion of the Democratic conference.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Democratic conference and the House will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the House stood at ease.)

The House will come to order.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you go to my good friend and colleague, Mr. Farrell, for the purposes of an introduction?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Farrell for an

introduction.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker; thank you, Mr. Morelle. It is my pleasure to introduce a group of young ladies, very young ladies, from my community who have come up to Albany to see how we function. I'm having a hard time explaining to her we are closing, we're not opening; that's why the room is empty. But they're here to see how we work and they're also hard-working in our community in terms of issues of the environment. And, of course, the name of the group is the Friends of Riverbank, which is the Riverbank State Park, and they're also involved with the North River Environmental Group. It's run by -- or not run by, but led by a woman, Mrs. Ann Rocker. Ann Rocker, please stand up. And I would ask that you give them the courtesies of the floor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: You're welcome.

Mr. Wright on the same subject.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to add my voice to the voice of -- the resounding voice of Mr. Farrell in asking you to welcome this most august group. They're part of the Friends of Riverbank State Park, one of the jewels of the park system in the City of New York and beyond, and they truly don't get enough credit for all of the things that they do.

So, I, too, Mr. Speaker, would like to ask you to welcome them and give them all of the cordialities, all of the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly, Mr. Wright.

On behalf of Mr. Wright, Mr. Farrell, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome this group from Riverbank State Park. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Since we may not be so active today, maybe you might have an opportunity to see us in Conference Committees, which we understand are going to go on later this afternoon, so you will see some of the legislative activity. But in any event, we hope that you have a good day here in Albany, that you travel home safe and that you continue to be blessed. Thank you so much for coming.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Are there any resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Yes, Mr. Morelle. We have a number of fine resolutions.

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

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 215.

Legislative Resolution commending the Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network upon the occasion of its 20th Annual Conference, held in March of 2013, in Uniondale, New York.

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this legislative Body to commend the Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network upon the occasion of its 20th Annual Conference, held in March of 2013 in Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network was founded in 1992, and incorporated in 1995; its mission is to gather and disseminate information, to promote awareness and research and to provide support to their members; and

WHEREAS, The Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network develops educational materials, pamphlets, slides, and articles to help both families and professionals understand the needs created by this syndrome, and publishes a newsletter twice yearly highlighting new information and achievements; and

WHEREAS, The Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network Conference adopted its theme of "Dare to be Rare!"; and

WHEREAS, The Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network holds a Family Conference for three days in Long Island, New York, in which participants who are actively involved in the research, spend time with the public and explain the research findings for the year; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body has come together

to recognize the people of the Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network who tirelessly work to improve the quality of life of their members; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 the Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network upon the occasion of its 20th Annual Conference; and be further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network.

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

Privileged resolution by Messrs. Ortiz, Silver, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 216.

Legislative Resolution commemorating the 26th Annual Somos Spring Conference to be held March 22-24, 2013.

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this legislative Body to commemorate the 26th Annual Somos Spring Conference hosted by the New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force to be held March 22-24, 2013 in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Somos Spring Conference, established in 1987, and attended by more than 7,000 people each year, is the largest gathering of Puerto Rican/Hispanic civic and political leaders in New York State and is a significant public policy vehicle for the more than three million Hispanics living in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Somos Spring Conference also provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Puerto Rican and Hispanic individuals and organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Somos Spring Conference has adopted its theme of "The Time is Now"; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body has come together to recognize Hispanics and Latinos who have significantly contributed to community development in New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence

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 commemorate the 26th Annual Somos Spring Conference to be held March 22-24; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force.

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

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

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 217.

Legislative Resolution congratulating Benjamin T. Vasquez upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors.

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Vasquez, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; he will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Vasquez, the son of Anthony and Sandra Vasquez, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 4 in Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Vasquez graduated from

DeSales High School, Class of 2012, with an Advanced Regents Diploma; and

WHEREAS, Currently, he is a student at Finger Lakes Community College, majoring in Business Administration; he also serves as a Senator in the Student Government; and

WHEREAS, Since 2010, Benjamin T. Vasquez has been a member of Son's of The American Legion Post 435, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of his community, Benjamin T. Vasquez conducted two separate and distinct book drives to benefit veterans both domestically and abroad; and completed approximately 2,500 hours of community service through The American Legion, Boy Scouts, DeSales High School, Community Lunch Programs, and Veteran Book Drives; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved her greatest heights of glory through the dedication, determination and tireless efforts of the outstanding citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is only with the continued diligence and devotion of our youth, tomorrow's leaders, that America will maintain her glory; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, The highest achievement of leadership in Scouting, earned by only five percent of all Boy Scouts, is the

distinguished rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young man has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, For his Eagle project, Benjamin T. Vasquez, with the help of others, stripped down the DeSales High School gymnasium bleachers, made the necessary repairs and applied three coats of fresh paint, after which they, cleaned the floors to ensure that no paint was left on the floor; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Vasquez's perseverance in rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks; his accomplishment will enable him to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; and

WHEREAS, This new Eagle Scout is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State and his Nation, and no doubt his future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate and honor Benjamin T. Vasquez on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably

engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin T. Vasquez.

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

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

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 218.

Legislative Resolution honoring Philomena Cammuso upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Seneca Falls - Waterloo Kiwanis.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals and organizations that devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Philomena Cammuso has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this legislative Body is justly proud to honor Philomena Cammuso upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Seneca Falls - Waterloo Kiwanis, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to children and communities; Kiwanis members

help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged, and care for the sick; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of the late Anthony and Adeline Vinciquerra Cammuso, Philomena Cammuso was born and raised in Seneca Falls, New York; she graduated from Mynderse Academy and went to the St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Elmira and upon graduation earned a RN degree; and

WHEREAS, Philomena Cammuso worked at Geneva General for 25 years in various managerial positions; while at Geneva General, she went back to college to obtain her Bachelor of Science and Masters Degrees in Education from Elmira College; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Philomena Cammuso became an Instructor of Nursing at the Community College of the Finger Lakes in Canandaigua, and Board of Cooperative Education Services in Stanley; in 1986, she went to Clifton Springs Hospital and worked there in several management positions; and

WHEREAS, At Clifton Springs Hospital, Philomena Cammuso had served as Vice President of Nursing, and Director of Education, Social Work, Utilization Services and the Emergency Room; she also held the position of Risk Manager and Corporate Compliance Officer until her retirement in early 2002; and

WHEREAS, Possessing an MS degree in Management from the New School of Social Research, Philomena Cammuso was head of the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at St. Patrick's Church and was recently selected to serve on St. Patrick's

Parish Council and has been elected as the President of Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, The first person of Italian heritage to be elected as President of the Seneca Falls Historical Society, Philomena Cammuso has worked on various committees, is President of the S.M.S. Auxiliary, and a member of the National Women's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Philomena Cammuso serves as President of Birthright of Seneca County, and is a member of the St. Anthony's Commission; she has served on the Board of Directors of American Heart Association of the Finger Lakes; in addition, she was the third woman to be honored with the prestigious Father Beatini Award given to an outstanding Citizen of Italian Heritage; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her sisters, Rose and the late Ann, as well as her nieces, Toni, Lisa and Kimberly, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Philomena Cammuso has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Philomena Cammuso upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Seneca Falls - Waterloo Kiwanis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably

engrossed, be transmitted to Philomena Cammuso.

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

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

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 219.

Legislative Resolution congratulating the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-Dewitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of winning the 2013 New York State Championship.

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive team sports can be achieved only through disciplined practice, teamwork and sportsmanship, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling them in the value of hard work and by encouraging a standard of healthy living; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body to recognize and congratulate those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their communities; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of winning the 2013 New

York State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team captured the Division II New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Title, after rallying for three goals in the 3rd period to defeat John Jay-Cross River with a final score of 4-2 at the Utica Auditorium on March 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The impressive win marked the first state championship for the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team; it was CBA's first appearance in the state title game since 1981; and

WHEREAS, The Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team, a combined team of public and private high school student athletes, had an overall impressive season record of 17-8-1, and won 16 of their last 19 games; the Hockey Team entered sectionals as a fifth-seeded team but secured several comeback victories to win sectionals and advance to the State tournament; and

WHEREAS, No athletic team can succeed without outstanding skill, talent and determination throughout its entire roster; such as is the case for the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team whose players include: Tim Decker, Grayson Burns, Sam Mueller, Scott Firman, Kyle Barker, Jed Raby, Stewart Harley, Lucas Relkin, Ryan McGuire, Kane Alletzhauser, Jamie St. Amour, Greg McCann, Connor

Flannagan, Ryan Durkin, Cole Fowler, Nick McCreary, Gavin Gray, Braeden Doust, John Phillips, George Collins, Ryan McKee, Drew Brooks and Peter Dziergas; and

WHEREAS, The hard work and talent displayed by the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team is due in great part to the constant encouragement and dedicated efforts of Head Coach Mike McKie, Assistant Coaches John Parks and Shaun Norfolk, CBA Athletic Director Buddy Wleklinski, CBA Athletic Trainer Randy Kinn, and CBA Principal Brother Joseph Jozwiak, FSC; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition promotes the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the coaches and players of the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team have clearly contributed to the pride of the Central New York community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon occasion of capturing the 2013 New York State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team, Head Coach Mike McKie, Assistant Coaches, John Parks and Shaun Norfolk, CBA Athletic Director Buddy Wleklinski, CBA Athletic Trainer Randy Kinn, and CBA Principal Brother Joseph Jozwiak, FSC.

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

Privileged resolution by Mrs. Robinson, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Cook, Messrs. Crespo, Farrell, Heastie, Mosley, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, Messrs. Perry, Scarborough, Stevenson, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 220.

Legislative Resolution honoring Divinah Bailey upon the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, This legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body is justly proud to honor Divinah Bailey upon the occasion of her retirement, to be celebrated on Thursday, April 4, 2013 in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Divinah "Dee" Bailey is a native of the Bedford Stuyvesant community in Brooklyn, New York; under the mentorship of her late father, Dee was empowered with the ability to assess and address the needs of her community; through the years, she has distinguished herself as a dedicated fighter for human rights, as it relates to the health and welfare within the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Dee Bailey is most noted for her advocacy work, which includes being a District 65 United Auto

Workers (UAW) representative for over 20 years along with helping to inspire the New York City Council to create the "Communities of Color HIV/AIDS Faith Initiative"; this brought a significant amount in new HIV/AIDS funds to churches, community-based organizations and community service agencies; and

WHEREAS, As the former National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS Executive Director of New York City Operations, Dee Bailey had the responsibility of informing, coordinating and organizing the volunteer efforts of the indigenous black leadership in their local communities and across the nation to meet the challenge of fighting AIDS; as founder of Watchful Eye, she continues to work tirelessly in educating leaders around the issues of HIV/AIDS as it relates to communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Dee Bailey currently serves as: Member of the Health and Social Services Committee for NYC Community Planning Board No. 3, founding Chair of the Brooklyn United Community Coalition (BUCC), member of the Congressional Health Advisory Committee, member of the 54th Assembly District Healthcare Policy Team, Chair of the Brooklyn Linkage to Care Coalition Communications Committee (BLCC), member of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dee Bailey becomes extremely passionate when she extols the importance of HIV/AIDS education and the need to take the first step by "Getting Tested" and "Knowing

Your Status"; as guest ringmaster at the UniverSoul Circus, the first African American circus of its kind, she has delivered HIV/AIDS prevention messages to audiences both young and old in cities where the circus performs; and

WHEREAS, Dee Bailey's passion has moved her towards developing new and innovative partnerships and initiatives such as the Red Ribbon Revitalization Campaign; the campaign is an ongoing initiative to encourage HIV testing, by having banners that hang from flag poles, medical centers and colleges in Brooklyn areas hardest hit by HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Dee Bailey has been the recipient of numerous awards for her tireless work in the fight against HIV/AIDS; she has appeared on several radio and television networks and has interviewed with many other media personalities; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Dee Bailey is a proud mother and grandmother who is considered to be a leader, confidant, mentor, friend, and sister to all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Dee Bailey earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Divinah Bailey upon the occasion of her retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably

engrossed, be transmitted to Divinah "Dee" Bailey.

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

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

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 221.

Legislative Resolution mourning the death of Louis J. Cotrona, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Cotrona of North Greenbush, New York, died on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Born in Troy, New York, the son of the late Rocco and Mary Centanni Cotrona, Louis J. Cotrona was a 1954 graduate of Catholic Central High School; he continued his education and earned a bachelor of arts degree, in history and social studies from Siena College, and then attained a master's degree in public administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Cotrona distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Louis Cotrona's service in State and local government was filled with an extensive record of accomplishments; he maintained a reputation predicated on honesty, high ethical standards, and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 1964, Louis J. Cotrona began his illustrious career in public service as an intern with the State Division of the Budget; after serving in various positions for numerous political leaders, he became the administrative director of the Senate Finance Committee for the Senate Minority Conference; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, Louis J. Cotrona became the legislative liaison officer to Governor Carey; he then accepted the position of deputy appointments officer to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Later, Louis J. Cotrona served as the Executive Deputy Commissioner for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; at the end of his dedicated public service career, he became the Second Executive Director for the Temporary State Commission on Lobbying; and

WHEREAS, It was at that same time, Louis J. Cotrona served on the executive committee of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws, a national organization that focused on developing best practices and processes for all matters related to lobbying, elections, and ethics; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Louis J. Cotrona co-founded Capitol Strategies, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in identifying government contracting opportunities for leading technology

companies and private education institutions and colleges; and

WHEREAS, Notably, he spearheaded the development of Quick Draw; with a passion for policy, driving change, and for participating in public service, Louis J. Cotrona most recently volunteered his time to local initiatives for the Town of North Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, He was an active member of the Assessment Board of Review and served as a liaison to the town board; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Cotrona's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Cotrona is survived by his two children, Mary Robyn Cotrona and Christopher Cotrona; his sisters, Rose (Louis) Bonelli and Grace (the late Ed) Corina; brother, Frank (Dorothy) Cotrona; and his former wives, Cynthia Cotrona and Barbara Cotrona; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Louis J. Cotrona leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Louis J. Cotrona, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Louis J. Cotrona.

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

Privileged resolution by Messrs. Lalor, Benedetto, Hawley, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 222.

Legislative Resolution commending and thanking the 191 servicemen and women from the State of New York who made the ultimate sacrifice serving their country during the Iraq Conflict.

WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of our military personnel since the United States Armed Forces commenced Operation Iraqi Freedom will ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and as a defender of liberty for people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably during Operation Iraqi Freedom, deserve a special salute from this legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative Body to commend and thank the 191 servicemen and women from the State of New York who made the ultimate sacrifice serving their country during the Iraq Conflict; their sacrifices will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, This legislative Body would also like to

thank the family members and friends who lost sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters; they raised heroes and they are heroes themselves through their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend and thank the 191 servicemen and women from the State of New York who made the ultimate sacrifice serving their country during the Iraq Conflict; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the families of the 191 servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

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

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind members that Budget Conference Committees are likely to be called this afternoon. We will certainly be reaching out to members as they are scheduled. People should, however, be on alert for that schedule and note that those committees will, hopefully, take place in a very short while.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we reconvene at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 1:16 p.m. the Assembly stood adjourned until Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday being a Session day.)