

Senate Resolution No. 301

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**COMMENDING** President and Chief Executive Officer  
James Allen upon the occasion of his retirement  
after many years of distinguished service to the New  
York Apple Association

**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,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that  
the quality and character of life in New York State is reflective of the  
concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to  
the welfare of the State and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
commend President and Chief Executive Officer James Allen upon the  
occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to  
the New York Apple Association; and

**WHEREAS,** James "Jim" Allen joined the New York Apple Association in  
1996 as the Retail Program Director, and four years later, in 2000, was  
named Senior Executive; and

**WHEREAS,** During his tenure as President of the Apple Association,  
Jim Allen earned the reputation as a passionate industry supporter and  
advocate for nationwide industry cooperation; he successfully formed  
alliances with the New York Farm Bureau and the New York Horticultural  
Society, ushered in consumer advertising as part of the Association's  
marketing, and founded the **Core Report**, an apple grower newspaper; and

**WHEREAS,** Among his many accomplishments, Jim Allen served three  
times as Chair of the United States Apple Export Council; currently, he  
serves on several committees working to advance both the New York and  
United States apple industry and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Jim Allen  
was named the 2002 Apple Person of the Year, was selected as one of the  
top 25 agricultural leaders in the United States in 2008 by **The Packer**,  
and received the 2007 Produce Industry Advocate of the Year by the  
United Produce Industry; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim Allen's tenure has been marked by his committed  
leadership, hard work and dedicated service to the Apple Association;  
and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense 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 President and Chief Executive Officer James Allen upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the New York Apple Association; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Allen.