

Senate Resolution No. 1959

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

CONGRATULATING Roger Clayman upon the occasion of his retirement Executive Director of the Long Island Federation of Labor after many years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Roger Clayman upon the occasion of his retirement Executive Director of the Long Island Federation of Labor after many years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Born in Columbus, Ohio, Roger Clayman received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Oberlin College; and

WHEREAS, Roger Clayman has served as the Executive Director of the Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, the fourth-largest labor council in the country, since July of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Roger Clayman, the Long Island Federation of Labor is the leading voice for the 250,000 union women and men and their families who reside in Nassau and Suffolk Counties; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Port Jefferson, New York, Roger Clayman has been a dedicated advocate for union members and their families throughout his extraordinary tenure; and

WHEREAS, Roger Clayman began his illustrious career with the Long Island Federation of Labor following a 30-year career with the National AFL-CIO, where he worked tirelessly on organizing, political and collective bargaining campaigns throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Roger Clayman assisted the American Federation of Teachers in successfully campaigning to organize 600 professionals at the University of Connecticut Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 1980-81, he helped organize a campaign at Yale University which resulted in 2,600 clerical and technical employees joining the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; and

WHEREAS, From 1997-1998, Roger Clayman Roger was the Northeast Regional Coordinator for the Strawberry Campaign in support of the United Farm Workers; and

WHEREAS, Roger Clayman represented the AFL-CIO in several high-profile newspaper strikes, including a coordinating role in the New

York Daily News Strike in 1991; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, Roger Clayman has worked closely with the Nassau-Suffolk Building and Construction Trades Council and community partners to establish a pre-apprenticeship program known as Opportunities Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Roger Clayman has routinely collaborated with coalitions supporting economic development, including downtown development projects located in Hempstead, Huntington Station, Brentwood and Ronkonkoma; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, he has been deeply involved in supportive efforts to bring offshore wind energy to the Long Island region; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Executive Director, Roger Clayman served with loyalty, honor and distinction, truly earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Lillian, and two children, David and Rebecca, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Roger Clayman over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Roger Clayman upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him the very best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roger Clayman.