

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**COMMENDING** James W. Wright upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished public service

**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,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James W. Wright upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished public service; and

**WHEREAS,** James W. Wright has spent nearly half a century in the public service sector, working to improve the lives of countless people in communities across Central and Northern New York; and

**WHEREAS,** During the early years of his career, James W. Wright held positions with Oswego County, Onondaga Community College and the New York State Association of Counties; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1979, James W. Wright became Oswego County Administrator and eight years later, in 1987, he accepted a position as the Jefferson County Administrator; and

**WHEREAS,** James W. Wright was elected to the New York State Senate representing the 48th Senate District in 1992, a seat which he held until 2008 when he decided not to run for the position again; and

**WHEREAS,** As State Senator, James W. Wright personified his mantra of "Results, Through Hard Work," shepherding New York State through utility deregulation, championing major job-producing projects, and working fiercely for the needs and interests of his constituents; and

**WHEREAS,** In April of 2009, James W. Wright was appointed to serve as the Executive Director of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC); and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his tenure at DANC, James W. Wright's accomplishments have been many and under his leadership, local municipalities have come to view the organization as a true partner when it comes to enhancing services and providing a better quality of life for the people throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by James W. Wright over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense 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 James W. Wright upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished public service, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

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