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THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

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11:08 a.m.

REGULAR SESSION

LT. GOVERNOR MARY O. DONOHUE, President

STEVEN M. BOGGESS, Secretary

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P R O C E E D I N G S

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate will
please come to order.

I ask everyone present to please
rise and repeat with me the Pledge of
Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the assemblage recited
the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

THE PRESIDENT: In the absence of
clergy, may we bow our heads in a moment of
silence, please.

(Whereupon, the assemblage
respected a moment of silence.)

THE PRESIDENT: Reading of the
Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
Monday, January 9, the Senate met pursuant to
adjournment. The Journal of Friday,
January 6, was read and approved. On motion,
Senate adjourned.

THE PRESIDENT: Without
objection, the Journal stands approved as
read.

Presentation of petitions.
Messages from the Assembly.

1 Messages from the Governor.
2 Reports of standing committees.
3 Reports of select committees.
4 Communications and reports from
5 state officers.

6 Motions and resolutions.

7 Senator Fuschillo.

8 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam
9 President, may we please adopt the Resolution
10 Calendar, with the exception of Resolution
11 3079.

12 THE PRESIDENT: All in favor of
13 adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the
14 exception of Resolution 3079, please signify
15 by saying aye.

16 (Response of "Aye.")

17 THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

18 (No response.)

19 THE PRESIDENT: The Resolution
20 Calendar is adopted.

21 Senator Fuschillo.

22 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam
23 President, may we please have the title read
24 on Senator Johnson's resolution, 3079, and
25 move for its immediate adoption.

1 THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary
2 will read.

3 THE SECRETARY: By Senator
4 Johnson, Legislative Resolution Number 3079,
5 congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Goodman
6 upon the occasion of their 50th wedding
7 anniversary.

8 THE PRESIDENT: All in favor of
9 the resolution please signify by saying aye.

10 (Response of "Aye.")

11 THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

12 (No response.)

13 THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is
14 adopted.

15 Senator Fuschillo.

16 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam
17 President, Senator Johnson would like to open
18 up this resolution for cosponsorship. If
19 anyone does not wish to be a cosponsor they
20 should notify the desk, please.

21 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you,
22 Senators.

23 Any member who does not wish to
24 cosponsor the last resolution, please notify
25 the desk.

1 Senator Johnson.

2 SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, Madam
3 President.

4 Many of us knew Roy Goodman. He
5 served here from 1969 till 2002, over 32
6 years. He was without a doubt the most
7 erudite member of this body. Some people
8 said, "What did he say?" because he had a
9 different vocabulary than many of us.

10 That's one of the problems of a
11 very excellent education -- hard to relate to
12 the people.

13 But Roy was a wonderful person, a
14 good friend, and he was here for 32 years,
15 married to the same lady, raised a beautiful
16 family. And I think everyone really held Roy
17 in the highest regard.

18 In fact, we do recall that he had
19 the best jokes of all. Of course, he never
20 recycled them, but they were always good. And
21 we always had a good time with Roy.

22 And he's not too well right now,
23 but he's still perambulating, in a way, and
24 his wife is still with him. And we just want
25 to say to him happy 50th anniversary, Roy and

1 Barbara, because you certainly deserve the
2 thanks of this body for all the service you've
3 given to the state over the years.

4 Thank you very much. And thank you
5 for -- anyone like to sign on, I think it
6 would be nice, he'd happy to know that most of
7 us were in accord with that. Even the young
8 lady on the other side.

9 THE PRESIDENT: Senator Krueger.

10 SENATOR LIZ KRUEGER: Thank you.
11 On the resolution, Madam President.

12 I'm also very pleased to rise and
13 thank Senator Johnson for carrying this
14 resolution.

15 I had the opportunity just a few
16 weeks ago to be with Senator Goodman and his
17 wife at the naming of a public library at a
18 school in our district. And while he of
19 course is getting older, it was delightful to
20 see him and his wife. They are both still
21 very involved in our community, very active in
22 the causes that he always fought for when he
23 was here in the State Senate.

24 And his commitment to the community
25 continues, which is why he and his wife had in

1 fact contributed to the Hunter school library,
2 so that they could vastly improve the library
3 they had for the children at Hunter High
4 School. And it was wonderful to see him and
5 his wife there.

6 So I join with my colleagues in
7 wishing them all the best.

8 Thank you, Madam President.

9 THE PRESIDENT: Senator
10 Fuschillo.

11 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam
12 President, may we return to reports of
13 standing committees.

14 I believe there's a report at the
15 desk.

16 THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary
17 will read.

18 THE SECRETARY: Senator Morahan,
19 from the Committee on Mental Health and
20 Developmental Disabilities, reports the
21 following bill direct to third reading:

22 Senate Print 6325, by Senator
23 Volker, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law
24 and others.

25 THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

1 Senator Fuschillo.

2 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam
3 President, there's a resolution at the desk by
4 Senator Golden, 3131.

5 THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary
6 will read.

7 THE SECRETARY: By Senator
8 Golden, Legislative Resolution Number 3131,
9 commemorating the life and achievements of
10 Simon Wiesenthal.

11 THE PRESIDENT: Senator Golden.

12 SENATOR GOLDEN: Thank you, Madam
13 President.

14 This is the second time we've come
15 before the Senate for a proclamation for the
16 death of Simon Wiesenthal, a survivor of the
17 Nazi death camps who dedicated his life to
18 documenting the crimes of the Holocaust and to
19 hunting down the perpetrators still at large.

20 At the end of World War II, Simon
21 Wiesenthal began gathering and preparing
22 evidence on Nazi atrocities for the War Crimes
23 Section of the United States Army. After the
24 war, he also worked for the Army's Office of
25 Strategic Services and Counterintelligence

1 Corps and headed the Jewish Central Committee
2 of the United States Zone of Austria, a relief
3 and welfare organization.

4 As founder and head of the Jewish
5 Documentation Center in Vienna, the freelance
6 Nazi hunter, usually with the cooperation of
7 the Israeli, Austrian, and former West German
8 and other governments, ferreted out nearly
9 1100 Nazi war criminals.

10 And in November of 1977, the Simon
11 Wiesenthal Center was founded. Today,
12 together with its world-renowned Museum of
13 Tolerance in Los Angeles and the New York
14 Tolerance Center, it's an international center
15 for Holocaust remembrance, the defense of
16 human rights and the Jewish people. With
17 offices throughout the world, the Wiesenthal
18 Center carries on a continuing fight against
19 bigotry and anti-Semitism and pursues an
20 active agenda of related contemporary issues.

21 On September 20, 2005, Simon
22 Wiesenthal died peacefully in his sleep at his
23 home. But his legacy lives on.

24 Mr. Wiesenthal said: "When history looks
25 back, I want people to know the Nazis weren't

1 able to kill millions of people and get away
2 with it. I have received many honors in my
3 lifetime. When I die, these honors will die
4 with me. But the Simon Wiesenthal Center will
5 live on as my legacy."

6 Thank you. And I ask that it be
7 opened to all members of the Senate body.
8 Thank you.

9 THE PRESIDENT: All in favor of
10 the resolution please signify by saying aye.

11 (Response of "Aye.")

12 THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

13 (No response.)

14 THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is
15 adopted.

16 And hearing no objection, I would
17 ask that any member who does not wish to
18 cosponsor this resolution, please notify the
19 desk.

20 Senator Fuschillo.

21 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam
22 President, is there any other business at the
23 desk?

24 THE PRESIDENT: No, there is not,
25 Senator.

1 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: There being
2 no further business, I move we adjourn until
3 Tuesday, January 17th, at 3:00 p.m.,
4 intervening days being legislative days.

5 THE PRESIDENT: On motion, the
6 Senate now stands adjourned until Tuesday,
7 January 17th, 3:00 p.m., intervening days
8 being legislative days.

9 (Whereupon, at 11:23 a.m., the
10 Senate adjourned.)

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