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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR DAVID J. VALESKY, Acting President

ANGELO J. APONTE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The Senate will please come to order.

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

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

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The reading of the Journal.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Wednesday, January 21, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, January 20, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, there will be an immediate meeting of the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee in Room 332.

Immediately following the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee meeting, there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee in Room 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Immediate meeting of the Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections Committee in Room 332, the Majority Conference Room.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, may we at this time adopt the Resolution

Calendar in its entirety, with the exception of Senate Legislative Resolution 79.

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: All those in favor of adopting the Senate Resolution Calendar in its entirety, with the exception of Senate Resolution Number 79, please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at this time may we take up Senate Legislative Resolution Number 79. I ask that the resolution be read in its entirety and move for its immediate adoption.

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The Secretary will read.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, we have some changes.

The Finance Committee meeting, as well as the Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections Committee meeting, will be delayed until next week.

So I repeat, we will not be meeting off the floor, we will reschedule the committee meetings for next week.

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Those committee meetings will be held next week.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, may we at this time take up Senate Legislative Resolution Number 79. And I ask that the resolution be read in its entirety and move for its immediate adoption.

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator C. Johnson, Senate Resolution Number 79, memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim February 3 through 9, 2009, as Kawasaki Disease Awareness Week in the State of New York.

"WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease

(Mucocutaneous Lymph Node Syndrome) is an acute febrile disease with inflammation of small and medium-sized blood vessels throughout the body, in particular, the coronary arteries; and

"WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim February 3-9, 2009, as Kawasaki Disease Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease is named for Dr. Tomisaku Kawasaki, a Japanese physician, who first described the illness in 1967. This disorder is accompanied by fever, rash, swelling of the hands and feet, and reddening of the eyes; and

"WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease mainly affects children under the age of four but can affect any age child or adult, with it affecting people in all racial and ethnic groups. Approximately 3,000 to 4,000 children are diagnosed each year in the United States with this devastating disease; and

"WHEREAS, An accurate diagnosis and

timely treatment are important, in that Kawasaki Disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children; and

"WHEREAS, Due to the rarity of Kawasaki Disease and the lack of awareness of the illness and its dangerous effects, children are often diagnosed late, which can be fatal; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim February 3-9, 2009, as Kawasaki Disease Awareness Week in the State of New York; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, and to the Kawasaki Disease Foundation."

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Are there any Senators wishing to be heard on the resolution?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Seeing

none, the question is on the resolution. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The resolution is adopted.

At the request of the sponsor, the resolution is open for multisponsorship by all members. Any member wishing not to multisponsor the resolution should inform the desk.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, on behalf of the Minority Leader, I hand up the following leadership notice and ask that it be filed in the Journal.

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: So ordered.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, is there any further business at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: There

is none.

SENATOR KLEIN: There being none, Mr. President, I move we adjourn until Monday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days to be legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 11:27 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)