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18 SENATOR CRAIG JOHNSON, Acting President

19 ANGELO J. APONTE, Secretary

## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

3 The Senate will please come to order.

4 I ask everyone present to rise and  
5 recite with me the Pledge of Allegiance to our  
6 Flag.7 (Whereupon, the assemblage recited  
8 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

10 Today's invocation will be provided by the  
11 Reverend Peter G. Young, of Mother Theresa  
12 Community here in Albany.13 REVEREND YOUNG: Thank you,  
14 Senator. Let us pray.15 As we share the priorities of the  
16 New York State budget in this time of  
17 difficulty, may we again proudly say we're  
18 happy to be the kind of New Yorkers that were  
19 the example of Van Buren, Fillmore, Arthur,  
20 Cleveland, Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt,  
21 all serving as presidents from here in our  
22 Empire State.23 May we continue in the greatness of  
24 their dedicated public service to all of our  
25 citizens. May we follow in the rich tradition

1 of the Senators that first met in Kingston  
2 five days after the Declaration of  
3 Independence.

4 You, O God, have provided our  
5 Senators with outstanding examples to inspire  
6 those in this Senate chamber for their  
7 committed service to all of our citizens. We  
8 ask You to bless them in Your name, now and  
9 forever.

10 Amen.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

12 Thank you, Reverend.

13 The reading of the Journal.

14 The Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,  
16 Wednesday, April 7, the Senate met pursuant to  
17 adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, April 6,  
18 was read and approved. On motion, Senate  
19 adjourned.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

21 Without objection, the Journal stands approved  
22 as read.

23 Presentation of petitions.

24 Messages from the Assembly.

25 Messages from the Governor.

1 Reports of standing committees.

2 Reports of select committees.

3 Communications and reports from  
4 state officers.

5 Motions and resolutions.

6 Senator Klein.

7 SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you,  
8 Mr. President.

9 On page number 8, I offer the  
10 following amendments to Calendar Number 74,  
11 Senate Print Number 2490C, and ask that said  
12 bill retain its place on Third Reading  
13 Calendar.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
15 So ordered.

16 Senator Klein.

17 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, on  
18 behalf of Senator Addabbo, on page 15 I offer  
19 the following amendments to Calendar Number  
20 235, Senate Print Number 6909, and ask that  
21 said bill retain its place on Third Reading  
22 Calendar.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
24 So ordered.

25 Senator Klein.

1                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
2     believe there's a resolution at the desk by  
3     Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson.

4                   I ask that the resolution be read  
5     in its entirety and move for its immediate  
6     adoption and allow Senator Hassell-Thompson to  
7     speak on her resolution.

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
9     Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
10    privileged and submitted by the office of the  
11    Temporary President?

12                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Yes,  
13    Mr. President.

14                  ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
15    The Secretary will read.

16                  THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
17    Hassell-Thompson, legislative resolution  
18    commending the Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn  
19    Richardson upon the occasion of his 35th  
20    Anniversary, to be celebrated on Tuesday,  
21    April 13, 2010.

22                  "WHEREAS, The character and  
23    richness of religious and community life in  
24    this noble Empire State is nourished and  
25    fulfilled through the faithful concern and

1 selfless devotion of those who would commit  
2 their energies and purpose to the ministry of  
3 others; and

4 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this  
5 Legislative Body to bring full recognition and  
6 just tribute to those individuals who  
7 distinguish themselves and the ministry  
8 through their unrelenting commitment and  
9 preeminence of service; and

10 "WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is  
11 justly proud to commend The Reverend Dr. W.  
12 Franklyn Richardson upon the occasion of his  
13 35th Anniversary, to be celebrated on Tuesday,  
14 April 13, 2010; and

15 "WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn  
16 Richardson is the senior pastor of the  
17 historic Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon,  
18 New York. He has been the leader of this  
19 vibrant, diverse, multistaffed ministry since  
20 April 1975. Under his esteemed leadership,  
21 the congregation has grown to more than 4,000  
22 members, and in 2003, the ministry was  
23 expanded to Port St. Lucie, Florida; and" --

24 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

25 Can we have some order in the chamber, please.

1 Proceed.

2 THE SECRETARY: -- "and WHEREAS,  
3 Prior to coming to New York, Reverend  
4 Richardson was pastor of Rising Mt. Zion  
5 Baptist Church, located in Richmond, Virginia,  
6 and St. James Baptist Church in Varina,  
7 Virginia, concurrently from 1969 until 1975;  
8 and

9 "WHEREAS, A graduate of Virginia  
10 Union University, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn  
11 Richardson received his divinity degree from  
12 Yale University Divinity School and his  
13 doctorate of ministry as a Wyatt T. Walker  
14 Fellow from the United Theological Seminary in  
15 Dayton, Ohio; and

16 "WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn  
17 Richardson has received many honors for his  
18 extraordinary leadership in ministry,  
19 including the Doctor of Divinity from his  
20 alma mater, Virginia Union University, and  
21 several other colleges and universities. In  
22 1989, he was inducted into the Martin Luther  
23 King, Jr., Board of Preachers at Morehouse  
24 College in Atlanta, Georgia; and

25 "WHEREAS, A community builder and

1 organizer for decades, Reverend Dr. W.  
2 Franklyn Richardson has played a pivotal role  
3 in the grassroots efforts of reestablishing a  
4 cultural bridge between community and  
5 education. He has been involved in the  
6 brick-and-mortar realities of housing  
7 development and is singularly responsible for  
8 leveling the ground by fighting for equitable  
9 opportunities in public education in the  
10 Mt. Vernon community. His insightful guidance  
11 is responsible for two Grace Church-related  
12 community development corporations; and

13 "WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn  
14 Richardson served as General Secretary for  
15 12 years of the 8-million-member National  
16 Baptist Convention USA, Inc. This experience  
17 led him to the international arena of the  
18 World Council of Churches, where he served on  
19 its prestigious Central Committee. The World  
20 Council represents more than 400 million  
21 Christians in 150 nations; and

22 "WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Dr.  
23 W. Franklyn Richardson served on the boards of  
24 the Congress of the National Black Churches,  
25 the National Urban League, and the

1       Constituency for Africa. A life member of the  
2       National Association for the Advancement of  
3       Colored People, he is also a member of the  
4       Sigma Pi Phi fraternity; and

5               "WHEREAS, This distinguished  
6       theologian is an internationally sought-after  
7       preacher, lecturer and facilitator, having  
8       preached on several continents. For the past  
9       30 years, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson  
10      has been heard throughout the tristate area on  
11      WVOX Radio is viewed on national television  
12      every Sunday morning; and

13             "WHEREAS, Furthermore, Reverend Dr.  
14      W. Franklyn Richardson is the author of the  
15      widely acclaimed Power of the Pew and has  
16      written several extensive articles on  
17      faith-based community developments. Of note:  
18      "Mission to Mandate" in the National Urban  
19      League's State of Black America. A published  
20      preacher as well, his sermons can be found in  
21      publications including Keep the Faith, by  
22      Welcome Rain Publishers, and Joy to the World,  
23      by Simon & Schuster; and

24             "WHEREAS, A man of intuitive reason  
25      and an incisive mind, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn

1       Richardson demonstrates in his persona the  
2       marvelous union of passion and intellect. He  
3       is a national advocate for economic equity,  
4       and his counsel and advice is widely solicited  
5       in several major corporate boardrooms  
6       throughout America; and

7               "WHEREAS, Currently, Reverend Dr.  
8       W. Franklyn Richardson serves on the boards of  
9       the Institute of Church Administration and  
10       Management at the Interdenominational  
11       Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; Pepsi  
12       Cola Ethnic Advisory Board; the Ujamaa  
13       Community Development Corporation; the Harvard  
14       University Divinity School Summer Leadership  
15       Institute for Church-Based Community and  
16       Economic Development; and the Black Equity  
17       Alliance of New York. He is also the chairman  
18       of the board of the National Action Network  
19       and a trustee of Virginia Union University;  
20       and

21               "WHEREAS, With him throughout have  
22       been his wife, Inez Nunnally Richardson, their  
23       two children, and their four grandchildren,  
24       all of whom feel privileged to be a part of  
25       his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

1                   "WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn  
2       Richardson has brought to his ministry an  
3       overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion,  
4       acting from vision and enlightenment in  
5       conducting his administrative and spiritual  
6       duties, while always displaying the highest  
7       standards of personal and professional  
8       integrity and dedication; and

9                   "WHEREAS, This distinguished man of  
10      God has always given enlightenment, guidance  
11      and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care  
12      and has administered abundantly and  
13      unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal  
14      needs of all; and

15                  "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this  
16      Legislative Body that when a person of such  
17      noble aims and accomplishments is brought to  
18      our attention, it is appropriate to publicly  
19      and jubilantly proclaim and commend that  
20      individual for the edification of others; now,  
21      therefore, be it resolved

22                  "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
23      Body pause in its deliberations to commend  
24      Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson upon the  
25      occasion of his 35th Anniversary, noting his

1 unremitting and compassionate faith and his  
2 exemplary service to God, man and his  
3 community, and extending to him the heartfelt  
4 best wishes of this Legislative Body for a  
5 future of purposeful success and well-being;  
6 and be it further

7 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
8 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted  
9 to The Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson."

10 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
11 Senator Hassell-Thompson.

12 SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON: Thank  
13 you, Mr. Chairman.

14 At the time that I asked to speak  
15 on the resolution, I wasn't sure that it was  
16 going to be read in its entirety. So there's  
17 very little that I need to add, except to say  
18 that the leadership of Dr. Franklyn Richardson  
19 goes way beyond the walls of his churches, as  
20 this resolution dictates.

21 But it also does not include the  
22 work that he has done to break the silence  
23 around HIV and AIDS. And he has been one of  
24 the forward ministers of the National Baptist  
25 Convention who has made the world AIDS problem

1 one of the top issues for the National Baptist  
2 Convention, because people were not prepared  
3 to put the proper face on who has AIDS in this  
4 country.

5 And so that I want to just commend  
6 Dr. Richardson for his committed and focused  
7 dedication to the people not only of the  
8 community of Mt. Vernon, but to the State of  
9 New York and to this country, for the work  
10 that he has done and the leadership that he  
11 has provided, both spiritual, ecumenically,  
12 and certainly as a builder and developer who  
13 recognizes the need for poor and not-so-poor  
14 people to have more than adequate housing in  
15 which to live.

16 So I thank you, Mr. President, and  
17 I certainly would like to invite all members  
18 who are present who wish to sign onto this  
19 resolution, and I will be more than happy to  
20 carry this forth at the celebration of the  
21 anniversary.

22 And I thank you.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

24 Thank you very much, Senator Hassell-Thompson.

25 Senator Stewart-Cousins.

1                   SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS:     Thank  
2     you, Mr. President.

3                   I rise to commend my colleague  
4     Senator Hassell-Thompson for bringing this  
5     resolution forth and, as a member of the  
6     extended family of Reverend Dr. Richardson, to  
7     just commend him also on his 35 years of  
8     being, I believe, a preacher's preacher.

9                   But as Senator Hassell-Thompson  
10    said, his interests go far, far beyond the  
11    walls of the church, the City of Mt. Vernon,  
12    the county. He has a national focus.

13                  But he is someone who thinks  
14    globally and always acts locally. Whether  
15    it's human rights or civil rights or whether  
16    it's just being there to offer the quiet  
17    spiritual counseling from someone who is more  
18    than willing to be available to whatever  
19    shoulder is needed at any point in time,  
20    Reverend Richardson is there.

21                  So I do want to say 35 years, I  
22    would never have thought he'd serve this  
23    long -- but he is becoming more and more  
24    influential, powerful, and respected.

25                  So thank you very much.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

2           Thank you very much, Senator Stewart-Cousins.

3                   Senator Oppenheimer.

4                   SENATOR OPPENHEIMER:     Well, we  
5           seem to be the fan club of Reverend  
6           Richardson.

7                   A lot has been said about him, and  
8           I was going to comment on his passion for  
9           social justice and how he has been a leader  
10          nationwide in that arena.

11                  But on a more personal note, I  
12          would say that I have been in his church when  
13          he has delivered some of the most  
14          astonishingly beautiful sermons, that you  
15          would think he was a great literary scholar.  
16          Which he probably is. But the beauty of his  
17          sermons and the way they are structured, with  
18          a beginning, a middle, and an end which  
19          relates back to the beginning, they are really  
20          wonderful examples of literary achievement.

21                  So not only does he have a  
22          beautiful soul, and working hard to bring  
23          social justice, but he also is an  
24          extraordinary mind who has a gift for writing  
25          and preaching. And we thank him for that, and

1 we thank him for 35 years of dedicated  
2 service, not just to the local community in  
3 Westchester but to the nation.

4 Thank you.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

6 Thank you very much, Senator Oppenheimer.

7 Are there any other Senators who  
8 wish to be heard on the resolution?

9 The question is on the resolution.  
10 All those in favor please signify by saying  
11 aye.

12 (Response of "Aye.")

13 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

14 Opposed, nay.

15 (No response.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

17 The resolution is adopted.

18 Senator Hassell-Thompson has  
19 indicated that she would like to open the  
20 resolution up for cosponsorship by the entire  
21 house. Any Senator wishing not to be on the  
22 resolution please notify the desk.

23 Senator Klein.

24 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
25 believe there's a resolution at the desk by

1 Senator Golden. I ask that the title of the  
2 resolution be read and move for its immediate  
3 adoption.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
5 Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
6 privileged and submitted by the office of the  
7 Temporary President?

8 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
9 Mr. President.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
11 The Secretary will read.

12 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
13 Golden, legislative resolution celebrating the  
14 Sesquicentennial Anniversary of SUNY Downstate  
15 Medical Center.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
17 Are there any Senators that wish to be heard  
18 on the resolution?

19 The question is on the resolution.  
20 All those in favor please signify by saying  
21 aye.

22 (Response of "Aye.")

23 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
24 Opposed, nay.

25 (No response.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

2           The resolution is adopted.

3                   Senator Golden has indicated that  
4           he would like to open the resolution up for  
5           cosponsorship by the entire house. Any  
6           Senator wishing to not be on the resolution  
7           please notify the desk.

8                   Senator Klein.

9                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, at  
10          this time I move we pass the Resolution  
11          Calendar in its entirety, with the exception  
12          of Senate Resolutions 4542, 4571, 4103, 4454,  
13          and 4484.

14                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

15          All those in favor of adopting the Resolution  
16          Calendar in its entirety, with the exception  
17          of Senate Resolutions 4542, 4571, 4103, 4454,  
18          and 4484, please signify by saying aye.

19                   (Response of "Aye.")

20                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

21          Opposed, nay.

22                   (No response.)

23                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

24          The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

25                   Senator Klein.

1                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, at  
2                   this time I move we take up Senate Resolution  
3                   Number 4542, by Senator Duane, and ask that  
4                   the resolution be read in its entirety and  
5                   move for its immediate adoption.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
7                   The Secretary will read.

8                   THE SECRETARY:     By Senator Duane,  
9                   Legislative Resolution Number 4542, endorsing  
10                  the application to bring a space shuttle to  
11                  the State of New York for permanent display  
12                  for the benefit of the public.

13                  "WHEREAS, The NASA space shuttle  
14                  program has been in operation since 1981; and

15                  "WHEREAS, The space shuttle program  
16                  represents the most successful continued space  
17                  program in the history of space exploration;  
18                  and

19                  "WHEREAS, The successes of the  
20                  space shuttle program have benefited our  
21                  nation and its interests and our entire world  
22                  in advancing scientific discovery; and

23                  "WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics  
24                  and Space Administration has announced that  
25                  the fleet of space shuttle orbiters will be

1 permanently retired within the next one to two  
2 years; and

3 "WHEREAS, Institutions around the  
4 United States who are interested in  
5 permanently displaying a space shuttle to the  
6 public have been invited to submit  
7 applications to NASA; and

8 "WHEREAS, The Intrepid Sea, Air and  
9 Space Museum in New York has submitted such an  
10 application in pursuit of bringing a space  
11 shuttle to this great Empire State, and  
12 permanently displaying it for the benefit of  
13 the general public; and

14 "WHEREAS, The State of New York is  
15 an ideal location to display a shuttle for the  
16 benefit of the general public, due to the  
17 significant size of the local population, the  
18 tens of millions of tourists who visit every  
19 year, and the high concentration of  
20 educational and cultural institutions that  
21 would benefit from the exposition of a shuttle  
22 in New York, as well as numerous other  
23 reasons; now, therefore, be it

24 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
25 Body pause in its deliberations to hereby

1       endorse the application to bring a space  
2       shuttle to the State of New York for permanent  
3       display, and to encourage all New Yorkers to  
4       support this effort; and be it further

5               "RESOLVED, That copies of this  
6       resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted  
7       to the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in  
8       New York and the National Aeronautics and  
9       Space Administration."

10              ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
11       Senator Duane.

12              SENATOR DUANE:       Thank you,  
13       Mr. President.

14              As we know, the space shuttle  
15       program has only three missions left, and then  
16       the program is going to be disbanded and the  
17       shuttles will be mothballed. And in July,  
18       NASA is expected to decide, as a result of a  
19       nationwide competition, a permanent home for  
20       the shuttles the Endeavor, the Atlantis, and  
21       Discovery.

22              Now, the Intrepid, which is moored  
23       on the West Side of Manhattan now permanently,  
24       played a key role during NASA's early years.  
25       It was the primary recovery vessel for

1 astronauts and space capsules when they  
2 splashed into the water after the Mercury and  
3 Gemini space missions. And the Intrepid is a  
4 very important tourist economic engine for the  
5 state. It brings in over a million visitors  
6 per year.

7 And I would be very pleased and  
8 proud if my colleagues would join me in urging  
9 NASA to bring home one of the three of the  
10 shuttles and give it a permanent home in our  
11 state at Pier 86 on Manhattan's West Side.

12 And so, Mr. President, I urge  
13 everyone to vote in favor. But if I may even  
14 anticipate a favorable response, I also would  
15 welcome everyone to sign onto the resolution,  
16 and I would like it to be open to everyone.

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

19 Thank you, Senator Duane.

20 Are there any other Senators that  
21 wish to speak on the resolution?

22 The question is on the resolution.  
23 All those in favor please signify by saying  
24 aye.

25 (Response of "Aye.")

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

2           Opposed, nay.

3                   (No response.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

5           The resolution is adopted.

6                   Senator Duane has indicated that he  
7           would like to open this resolution up to the  
8           entire body for cosponsorship. Any Senator  
9           wishing not to be on the resolution please  
10          inform the desk.

11                   Senator Klein.

12                   SENATOR KLEIN:       Mr. President, at  
13          this time can we take up Senate Resolution  
14          4571, by Senator Adams. I ask that the title  
15          of the resolution be read and move for its  
16          immediate adoption.

17                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

18          The Secretary will read.

19                   THE SECRETARY:       By Senator Adams,  
20          Legislative Resolution Number 4571,  
21          memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to  
22          proclaim April 2010 as Autism Awareness Month  
23          in the State of New York.

24                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

25          Senator Adams.

1                   SENATOR ADAMS:     Thank you,  
2     Mr. President.

3                   This is an important month. This  
4     is Autism Awareness Month. And autism is one  
5     of the many illnesses that impacts children.  
6     And it just draws attention to the whole issue  
7     around children with special needs.

8                   And I just want to make sure that  
9     we never forget that behind a child with  
10    special needs is a special parent, and that  
11    parent must ensure that that child has a  
12    countless number of hours of attention. And  
13    one of the highest levels of love and  
14    affection comes from a parent that shows the  
15    attention to a child with special needs.

16                  Autism impacts over 17,000 students  
17    in New York City between the ages of 4 and 21.  
18    Boys are four times more likely to be impacted  
19    by autism, and one in every 58 boys will be  
20    diagnosed with autism. So we must ensure that  
21    we do all that we can to provide the needed  
22    services, provide the needed care.

23                  I've always believed that the three  
24    areas of our society that we should give the  
25    greatest level of focus and attention during

1       these budgetary moments is our seniors, our  
2       children, and our children with special needs.

3               And so I believe that by this being  
4       Autism Awareness Month, it gives us the  
5       opportunity to understand the importance of  
6       allocating the necessary resources, services  
7       and, more important, the necessary patience  
8       for those who are afflicted with autism.

9               Thank you, Mr. President.

10              ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

11       Thank you very much, Senator Adams.

12              Are there any other Senators that  
13       wish to be heard on this resolution?

14              Senator McDonald.

15              SENATOR McDONALD:     Thank you,  
16       Mr. President.

17              I would like to thank everybody for  
18       this resolution. More importantly, I'd like  
19       to thank each and every member of the Senate  
20       and the Assembly -- each party, each house --  
21       for their commitment to this issue. I have  
22       yet to speak to anybody who wasn't genuinely  
23       committed to it. And as it was spoken  
24       earlier, we're here for people more than  
25       anything else, and this is all about people.

1                   Now, this is a special issue for  
2                   me. That issue is I have two grandsons,  
3                   brothers, that are both autistic. It changes  
4                   your life. It changes your outlook on life.  
5                   It's very, very important.

6                   And as much as I like the  
7                   resolution, I know that this year, next year,  
8                   and unfortunately for years in the future  
9                   we'll be dealing with this issue. Which means  
10                  that we're going to have to talk about some  
11                  very serious things -- supporting families,  
12                  especially single-parent families, economic  
13                  assistance, educational assistance, all kinds  
14                  of therapy. And, when these folks grow up to  
15                  be 21, supporting adult facilities, homes,  
16                  jobs, whatever is needed.

17                  The numbers are getting staggering.  
18                  It's frightening. But I think this body,  
19                  along with our colleagues in the Assembly and  
20                  our Governor, I think all of us working as a  
21                  team, we can do this. We can make our folks  
22                  who have this problem in New York State, we  
23                  can make their lives a little bit better, a  
24                  little easier. And I think we can lead this  
25                  whole country on this issue.

1                   This will be an issue that we will  
2                   be dealing with, no matter who we are in this  
3                   chamber, for a long time. And quite frankly,  
4                   I think everybody here is up to the task, and  
5                   I'm proud to be part of that team.

6                   Thank you.

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

8                   Thank you, Senator McDonald.

9                   Senator Volker.

10                  SENATOR VOLKER:     I just want to  
11                  thank you for the resolution, everyone.

12                  And my son -- who is an adolescent  
13                  psychologist, has a professorship at SUNY  
14                  Buffalo -- has been doing studies on autism  
15                  for many years. In fact, he has had federal  
16                  and state programs that he's been involved  
17                  with -- and now that he's married a  
18                  Chinese-Canadian wife, who also is a professor  
19                  of psychology, the two of them are working on  
20                  autism. And I frankly think that they're  
21                  doing some great work at SUNY Buffalo.

22                  But the biggest thing is that  
23                  autism has become a cause that it was not  
24                  before, because people just didn't realize the  
25                  importance and the amount of it that there

1 was.

2 So I want to thank everybody  
3 involved here, Eric and Roy, for the work that  
4 you're doing. I have a feeling that we're  
5 going to find out that this issue is only  
6 going to get bigger as the years went on. And  
7 what we're doing in this Legislature will  
8 become very, very historic, I believe.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

10 The question is on the resolution. All those  
11 in favor please signify by saying aye.

12 (Response of "Aye.")

13 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

14 Opposed, nay.

15 (No response.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

17 The resolution is adopted.

18 Senator Adams has indicated that he  
19 would like to open this resolution up to the  
20 entire body for cosponsorship. Any Senator  
21 wishing to not be on the resolution please  
22 inform the desk.

23 Senator Klein.

24 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
25 this time can we please go to a reading of the

1 calendar.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

3 The Secretary will read.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
5 50, by Senator C. Kruger --

6 SENATOR KLEIN: Lay the bill  
7 aside for the day.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

9 The bill is laid aside for the day.

10 The Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
12 104, by Senator Aubertine, Senate Print 6303,  
13 an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets  
14 Law, in relation to food donation.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

16 Read the last section.

17 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This  
18 act shall take effect immediately.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

20 Call the roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

23 Senator Little, to explain her vote.

24 SENATOR LITTLE: Thank you. I  
25 would just like to thank Senator Aubertine for

1       putting forth this bill.

2               This is a really important bill,  
3       and it is going to serve the purpose of  
4       allowing soup kitchens and places where they  
5       feed people in need to be able to accept many,  
6       many food donations from restaurants and other  
7       places that before this time were concerned  
8       about the liability issue of passing along the  
9       food that they had not used for the day to a  
10      soup kitchen or to a food pantry.

11              So thank you very much. I think  
12      it's a good step in New York State.

13              ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
14      Announce the results.

15              THE SECRETARY:     Ayes, 58. Nays,  
16      0.

17              ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
18      The bill is passed.

19              The Secretary will read.

20              THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
21      199, by Member of the Assembly --

22              SENATOR KLEIN:     Lay the bill  
23      aside for the day.

24              ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
25      The bill is laid aside for the day.

1                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
2     214, by Member of the Assembly Latimer,  
3     Assembly Print Number --

4                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Lay the bill  
5     aside for the day.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
7     The bill is laid aside for the day.

8                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
9     262, by Senator Morahan, Senate Print --

10                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Lay the bill  
11     aside for the day.

12                  ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
13     The bill is laid aside for the day.

14                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
15     288, by Senator Breslin, Senate Print --

16                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Lay the bill  
17     aside for the day.

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
19     The bill is laid aside for the day.

20                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
21     299, by Member of the Assembly Jeffries,  
22     Assembly Print Number 7899A, an act to amend  
23     the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, in  
24     relation to establishing.

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

1 Read the last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
3 act shall take effect immediately.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
5 Call the roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. Nays,  
8 1. Senator Saland recorded in the negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
10 The bill is passed.

11 The Secretary will read.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
13 302, by Senator C. Johnson, Senate Print 716,  
14 an act to authorize Vaishnav Temple of  
15 New York.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
17 Read the last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
19 act shall take effect immediately.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
21 Call the roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Those recorded in

1 the negative on Calendar Number 302 are  
2 Senators Bonacic and Larkin.

3 Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:

5 The bill is passed.

6 The Secretary will read.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
8 313, by --

9 SENATOR KLEIN: Lay the bill  
10 aside for the day.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
12 The bill is laid aside for the day.

13 Senator Klein, that completes the  
14 reading of the noncontroversial calendar.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
18 Senator Klein, the desk is clear.

19 SENATOR KLEIN: There being no  
20 further business, Mr. President, I move that  
21 we adjourn at the call of the Temporary  
22 President, intervening days to be legislative  
23 days.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT CRAIG JOHNSON:  
25 There being no further business to come before

1       the Senate, on motion, the Senate stands  
2       adjourned at the call of the Temporary  
3       President, intervening days being legislative  
4       days.

5                       (Whereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the  
6       Senate adjourned.)