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18 SENATOR JOSEPH GRIFFO, Acting President

19 FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

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

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
3 Senate will come to order.

4 I ask all present to please rise and
5 join with me as we recite the Pledge of
6 Allegiance to our Flag.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: In the
10 absence of clergy, I ask all present to please
11 bow their heads in a moment of silent prayer and
12 reflection.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
16 reading of the Journal.

17 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
18 January 14th, the Senate met pursuant to
19 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday,
20 January 13th, was read and approved. On motion,
21 Senate adjourned.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without
23 objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

24 Presentation of petitions.

25 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 Hannon.

8 SENATOR HANNON: At this time may
9 we please adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the
10 exceptions of Resolutions 141 and 142.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On
12 motion, all in favor of adopting the
13 Resolution Calendar, with the exception of
14 Resolutions Number 141 and 142, signify by saying
15 aye.

16 (Response of "Aye.")

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
20 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

21 Senator Hannon.

22 SENATOR HANNON: There is a
23 resolution by Senator Marchione, Number 141, at
24 the desk. May we have the title read and move
25 for its immediate adoption.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
2 Secretary will read.

3 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
4 Resolution Number 141, by Senator Marchione,
5 paying tribute to the life and career of Roger F.
6 Coleman, publisher of Hudson-Catskill Newspapers,
7 and expressing sincerest sorrow upon the occasion
8 of his death.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
10 Marchione.

11 SENATOR MARCHIONE: Thank you.

12 It's my understanding that the
13 practice of this legislative body is to
14 acknowledge individuals whose lifework and civic
15 endeavors testify to extraordinary commitment to
16 their community and to their profession. And it
17 is the sense of this legislative body to pay
18 tribute to the life and career of Roger F.
19 Coleman, who was the publisher of Hudson-Catskill
20 Newspapers and chairman of the board of New York
21 News Publishers Association, who died on
22 December 31st of 2012.

23 In 2004, Roger Coleman became
24 publisher of the Register-Star in Hudson and
25 The Daily Mail in Catskill, which also includes

1 the weekly publications The Mountain Eagle,
2 Windham Journal, Chatham Courier, Ravena
3 News-Herald, and Greene County News.

4 Roger began his career driving a
5 truck for The News Tribune in LaSalle, Illinois.
6 Through hard work, dedication, and a true passion
7 for the newspaper industry, he rose to become the
8 publisher of the Hudson-Catskill Newspapers,
9 overseeing the publication, of course, of several
10 daily and weekly newspapers across the
11 Hudson Valley.

12 Today we remember Roger for his
13 commitment to his family, his employees, his
14 church, and to his news profession.

15 Thank you.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
17 you, Senator Marchione.

18 The question is on the resolution.
19 All in favor signify by saying aye.

20 (Response of "Aye.")

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
24 resolution is adopted.

25 Senator Hannon.

1 SENATOR HANNON: I believe there's
2 a resolution by Senator Perkins, Number 142, at
3 the desk. I ask that it be read in its entirety
4 and move for its immediate adoption.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
6 Secretary will read.

7 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
8 Resolution Number 142, by Senator Perkins,
9 mourning the death of Dr. James R. Dumpson, a
10 pioneer in social work, social health and social
11 justice.

12 "WHEREAS, It is the custom of this
13 Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of
14 the State of New York whose lifework and civic
15 endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in
16 their communities and the great State of
17 New York; and

18 "WHEREAS, Dr. James Dumpson of
19 New York City died on Monday, November 5, 2012,
20 at the age of 103; and

21 "WHEREAS, James Dumpson was born on
22 April 5, 1909, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He
23 was the first of five children born to James and
24 Edyth Dumpson. He was raised in Philadelphia,
25 where he attended The Quaker School, Octavius

1 Catto and West Philadelphia High School for Boys;
2 and

3 "WHEREAS, In 1932, James Dumpson
4 graduated from Cheyney Normal School (College)
5 before going on to Temple University and earning
6 graduate degrees from other universities around
7 the world. He was considered one of the oldest
8 living graduates of Cheyney University; and

9 "WHEREAS, Dr. James Dumpson's
10 career in the health and human services as a
11 public servant, educator, administrator, social
12 activist, advocate, humanitarian and scholar
13 spanned for more than half a century. His
14 influence on public policy development for the
15 health and human services has been felt across
16 many policy domains at the international,
17 national and local level; and

18 "WHEREAS, Dr. James Dumpson began
19 his career as a caseworker for the Philadelphia
20 Department of Public Welfare. He moved to
21 New York in the late 1930s, where he served the
22 City for more than 60 years; and

23 "WHEREAS, Obtaining a number of
24 history-making achievements throughout his
25 lengthy career, Dr. James Dumpson served as the

1 United Nations advisor/chief of training in
2 social welfare to the government of Pakistan
3 from 1953-1954. In 1959, he was named
4 Commissioner of Welfare for the City of New York,
5 becoming the only African-American welfare
6 commissioner in the United States; and

7 "WHEREAS, In 1963, President John
8 F. Kennedy appointed Dr. James Dumpson to the
9 Commission on Narcotics and Drug Abuse. In 1976,
10 he was named Dean of Fordham University's School
11 of Social Work, becoming the first black dean of
12 a nonblack school of social work. Fordham
13 University later named an endowed academic chair
14 in his honor; and

15 "WHEREAS, An advocate and defender
16 of the poor, Dr. James Dumpson was the recipient
17 of numerous awards, including the New York City
18 Black Agency Executives Lifetime Achievement
19 Award, the New York City Chapter National
20 Association of Social Workers Lifetime
21 Achievement Award, and the State Of New York
22 Legislative Resolution 'Spirit of Life' Award.
23 In 2009, the New York City Department of Human
24 Service dedicated and named its conference hall
25 the 'Dr. James R. Dumpson Conference Hall'; and

1 "WHEREAS, Dr. James Dumpson
2 distinguished himself in his profession and by
3 his sincere dedication and substantial
4 contribution to the welfare of his community; and

5 "WHEREAS, Dr. James Dumpson's
6 commitment to excellence, and his spirit of
7 humanity, carried over into all fields of
8 enterprise, including charitable and civic
9 endeavors; and

10 "WHEREAS, Dr. James Dumpson is
11 survived by his wife, Goldie; daughter, Jeree;
12 brother, Reverend Roland Dumpson; and his sister,
13 Doris D. Grundy; and

14 "WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic
15 spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion,
16 Dr. James Dumpson leaves behind a legacy which
17 will long endure the passage of time and will
18 remain as a comforting memory to all he served
19 and befriended; now, therefore, be it

20 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative
21 Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the
22 death of Dr. James R. Dumpson, a pioneer in
23 social work, social health and social justice;
24 and be it further

25 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this

1 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
2 the family of Dr. James Dumpson."

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
4 Perkins.

5 SENATOR PERKINS: Thank you.

6 Dr. James R. Dumpson -- or, as he
7 was known by many in the neighborhood, "Dr. D" --
8 led a distinguished career as a public servant,
9 educator, administrator, social activist,
10 advocate, humanitarian and scholar. He was a man
11 who I am proud to call a friend, and to many in
12 the field of social work, he was a role model --
13 a legend, in fact.

14 Similar to Dr. Martin Luther King
15 being a leader in the civil rights movement,
16 Dr. Dumpson was a leader in the field of social
17 work. Where Dr. King helped people understand
18 the humanity and dignity of all Americans,
19 Dr. Dumpson's service to humanity was his
20 sensitivity and remedies to poverty in the urban
21 context.

22 It was an honor to have worked with
23 him as a community activist. He will be
24 remembered by us all.

25 Thank you.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
2 you, Senator Perkins.

3 Senator Krueger.

4 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you.

5 I'd also like to rise to thank my
6 colleague Senator Perkins for bringing this
7 resolution.

8 I also knew Dr. Dumpson throughout
9 work he did in social welfare issues during the
10 '80s and '90s in New York City, and he was an
11 extraordinary man, an extraordinary leader who
12 did so much for so many people throughout the
13 State of New York.

14 So I'd like to join Senator Perkins
15 in recognizing this man's great accomplishments
16 and contributions to our state.

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
19 you, Senator Krueger.

20 Is there any other Senator wishing
21 to be heard?

22 (No response.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
24 question is on the resolution. All in favor
25 signify by saying aye.

1 (Response of "Aye.")

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
5 resolution is adopted.

6 Senator Hannon.

7 SENATOR HANNON: Is there any other
8 business at the desk?

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is
10 none.

11 SENATOR HANNON: At this point in
12 time, on behalf of Senator Klein and
13 Senator Skelos, I hand up the following committee
14 assignments and ask that such assignments be
15 filed in the Journal.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
17 assignments are received. And so ordered.

18 Senator Hannon.

19 SENATOR HANNON: There being no
20 further business, I move we adjourn until
21 Wednesday, January 23rd, at 3:00 p.m., and the
22 intervening days being legislative days.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On
24 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
25 Wednesday, January 23rd, at 3:00 p.m.,

1 intervening days being legislative days.

2 Senate adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at
4 11:24 a.m.)

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