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SENATOR ELAINE PHILLIPS, Acting President

FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The Senate will 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.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Rabbi Ya'akov Trump is with us today to give the invocation. He is the Associate Rabbi of Young Israel of Lawrence Cedarhurst, New York.

RABBI TRUMP: I'd like to recite a prayer which has been said and is said every Sabbath in synagogues across the country and in Jewish history for over 800 years.

He that gives salvation to kings and dominion to lords, He that he delivered His servant David from the sword of the enemy, He that made a way in the sea and a path in the strong waters, bless and keep, preserve and rescue, exalt and magnify, and lift up higher and higher John J. Flanagan, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Jeffrey D. Klein, and all officials of this great chamber.

King of Kings, defend them in His

mercy, make them joyful and free them from all dangers and distress.

On a personal note, to someone who grew up from outside the United States of America, I feel a great, deep sense of appreciation every day for the system of democracy, governmental transparency and accountability, for it is together that we succeed, together that we thrive. Our diversity is our greatest success, but our unity the only way to preserve it.

May God grant us the ability to work together, the insight to stand our ground while finding the ample common ground between us. May He allow us to harness the collective wisdom of this chamber to achieve far more than the sum of the parts.

And let us say amen.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Thank you, Rabbi Trump.

The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, March 12th, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, March 11th, was read and approved. On motion, Senate

adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: 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 DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 4108, 4084, 4060, 4061, 4062, 4063 and 4065.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 4108, 4084, 4060, 4061, 4062, 4063 and 4065, signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The

Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now have a motion. On page 29, I offer the following amendments to Calendar 313, Senate Print 6853, by me, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we now go to the reading of the noncontroversial calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 216, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 7341, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS:

Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 216, those recorded in the negative are Senators Avella, Bailey, Brooks, Gianaris, Hamilton, Hoylman, Kavanagh, Kennedy, Krueger, Peralta, Persaud, Rivera, Sanders and Serrano.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 14.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 357, by Senator Murphy, Senate Print 965, an act to amend the Public Officers Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the 45th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 365, by Senator Murphy, Senate Print 7431, an act

to amend the Public Officers Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 395, by Senator Lanza, Senate Print 3537, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 407, by Senator Bonacic, Senate Print 1030A, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 439, by Senator Savino, Senate Print 5696, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Savino.

SENATOR SAVINO: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise in support of this piece of legislation. And some of you may remember in 2014 this house enacted a bill that I introduced, Senate 5696, Chapter 551 of the Laws of 2014, that would create a mold remediation and abatement license in the State of New York.

After Superstorm Sandy, we found that many people were selling their services as mold remediation specialists to beleaguered homeowners when in fact they had no idea what they were doing, leaving people with no remediation of the mold and a severe financial loss. So the Legislature took action, and we created a mold licensing requirement.

At the very end of that year, the New York City Housing Authority appealed to the Governor's office and asked that the housing authority be exempted from the mold remediation

licensing requirement in the State of New York.

They gave their word to myself, to the Governor and other members of the Legislature -- and I believe Senator Kaminsky, he was a brand-new Assemblymember, it was the first bill he passed that year. We agreed to a chapter amendment to exempt the New York City Housing Authority in exchange for their agreement that they would create a standard and a training protocol and curriculum that would be approved by the Department of Labor that would mirror the licensing standard for every other property owner in the State of New York. To date, they have done nothing.

They are under a consent decree from the federal government after tenants sued them on the deplorable conditions and the mold violations in public housing.

Just last week, the IDC released another report chronicling the prevalence of mold and horrible conditions that people are living in. Fifty-nine percent of those surveyed reported they had mold in their apartment; 56 percent said it took more than two weeks for NYCHA to even answer them; 24 percent responded

that it took management more than a month to remove the mold; 24 percent responded that someone in their home suffers from asthma; 52 percent responded they have had leaking roofs, windows or pipes that have caused water to leak into their apartment for years -- not days, not weeks, years.

We know the effects of deadly mold on people. We've given NYCHA enough time. The time is up, it is time for them to be included in the mold remediation licensing requirement that every other homeowner in the State of New York is required to abide by.

I urge my colleagues to join me and support this legislation. The people who live in public housing suffer enough.

And finally, for those of you who have been following the case of an 85-year-old woman in the Bronx, the New York Post has been writing about her for the past week, and the conditions that she's been living in are absolutely deplorable, mold being one of them.

So thank you, Madam President, and I urge all my colleagues to please support me in this legislation.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Savino recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Sanders to explain his vote.

SENATOR SANDERS: With a heavy heart, I rise to speak on this issue.

I have many, many residents of NYCHA in my district and the conditions of some of my residents are conditions that no one should be forced to deal with, no one should be forced to handle. We cannot sit idle in this situation.

We certainly -- and I applaud the author of this; it's one of the moves that we must make. Another move, of course, is that we need to put real money -- it's not enough to say, and I'm sure that that's not what she's saying, but it would not be enough to say, "Okay, we're going to go back to another system." We have to find some money to do the lead and the mold remediation.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Sanders, excuse me.

Could we have a little decorum in the Senate chamber, please. Thank you.

Excuse me, sir.

SENATOR SANDERS: So I am going to

go with my colleague on this one, but I believe that this should be the opening move, the very beginning of what needs to happen. And I applaud the author, and I ask my colleagues, all, that we have to go beyond just laws, we're going to have to put our money where our mouth is on this issue.

Thank you very much, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Thank you. Senator Sanders is recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Rivera.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Madam President. I want to piggyback onto what my colleagues have been saying.

First of all, I certainly thank Senator Savino for bringing this to the floor. And I agree with my colleague Senator Sanders that it should be the first thing that we do. It is necessary. It is a good idea to create a standard -- or to hold NYCHA to the same standards as it refers to mold inspection, assessment and remediation.

I want to make sure, however, that

we take the extra steps. And I remind my colleagues and other folks who might be hearing that we need to make sure that we commit ourselves also in -- that as our colleagues said, that we put our money where our mouth is.

I remind everyone that last year there were $200 million that were assigned to NYCHA that still has not moved. I would ask for those who might be in some sort of, let's say, power struggle to get over that and consider the tenants of NYCHA, who are the ones that we ultimately represent and we should be working for.

And I would also remind everyone that the Democratic Conference has for the last couple of years said very clearly that we need more money and has asked the state to commit about $500 million that could be lock-boxed and specifically aimed at solving the structural problems that cause mold to begin with.

If we do not actually fix the roofs and if we just focus on certain elements of certain apartments, just fixing this apartment, that apartment, painting here, remediation there, without fixing the larger infrastructure

problems, this is just going to continue.

So I laud my colleague for bringing this to the floor. I will vote in the affirmative. But I will remind all of us, particularly now that we are so close to getting a budget done, that we have to make sure that we put real money into the budget, that we put real money into NYCHA. That we hold them accountable, certainly, but that we give them the ability to be able to fix the structural problems that are causing this to begin with.

I'll be voting in the affirmative. Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Rivera is recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 443, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 4546, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 528, by Senator Hannon, Senate Print 1870, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The bill is passed.

That completes the noncontroversial

reading of the calendar.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Madam President, can we now take up Resolution 4108, by Senator Flanagan, read it in its entirety, and call on Senator Little to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 4108, by Senator Flanagan, commemorating the induction of three new inductees into the New York State Senate's Historical Women of Distinction 2018 exhibit.

"WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and celebrate individuals and events of historic significance which add vitality, sensitivity, understanding and inspiration to the diversity and value of the people of this great Empire State; and

"WHEREAS, Women of every economic, ethnic and religious background have made significant contributions that are reflected in our cultural, social, educational, industrial and economic diversity, and have contributed in many ways, including as writers, educators, scientists, heads of state, politicians, civil

rights crusaders, artists, entertainers, businesswomen, military personnel, aviators, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, health professionals, engineers, religious leaders, judges, lawyers, law enforcement personnel, athletes, mothers, nurturers and the building blocks of our communities; and

"WHEREAS, It is the purpose of this Legislative Body to induct three new honorees for the year 2018: educator Sarah J. Smith Tompkins Garnet (1831-1911) of Brooklyn, Chief Justice Judith S. Kaye (1938-2016) of Monticello, and college president and educator Virginia L. Radley (1927-1998) of Marion; and

"WHEREAS, Women who have become part of New York's lasting heritage by fighting against stereotypes, prejudice and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, include Sojourner Truth (1797-1883), former slave and famous activist; Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), best-known 'conductor' of the Underground Railroad and promoter of black education and women's rights; suffragettes Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902); world-renowned folk artist Grandma Moses

(1860-1961); famed reporter Nellie Bly (1867-1922); Sybil Ludington (1761-1839), known as the "female Paul Revere"; Barbara McClintock (1901-1992), Nobel Prize-winning genetic scientist; and 'First Lady of the World,' Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962); and

"WHEREAS, New York State has been, and continues to be, the home to many distinguished women who have made their mark in history as the first in their field to succeed; representative of these 'firsts' are contributions by women such as Lady Deborah Moody (1586-1659), first woman grantee for land ownership in the New World; Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), first female physician; America's first trained nurse, Linda Richards (1841-1930); Emma Willard (1787-1870), founder of the first endowed institution of education for women; hairdressing entrepreneur Madam C.J. Walker (1867-1919), Harlem leader and first self-made female millionaire in the U.S.; Buffalonian Louise Blanchard Bethune (1856-1913), first professional female architect in the nation; Lucille Ball (1911-1989), actor and president of Desilu Productions, the first woman to lead a

major Hollywood production company; Katharine Bement Davis (1860-1935), New York City Correction Commissioner, first woman to head a major city agency; Winifred Edgerton Merrill (1862-1951), the first American woman to receive a Ph.D. in mathematics; Dr. Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919), the first and only woman to be presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor; and Belva Lockwood (1830-1917), the first woman to practice law before the United States Supreme Court; and

"WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes that New York State is the home to countless women who are strong and colorful threads, vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have contributed, and continue to add to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the induction of three new inductees into the New York State Senate's Historical Women of Distinction 2018 exhibit; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this

resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Women's Hall of Fame and the New York State Division for Women."

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Little.

SENATOR LITTLE: Thank you, Madam President.

It is my honor today to talk about these three distinguished women who are being added to the Historic Women of New York State. The first would be Sarah J. Smith Tompkins Garnet, who was born in 1831 and was the first African-American female principal in the New York City school system.

In 1863, she was appointed principal of Grammar School No. 4 and Public School No. 80. She also worked tirelessly in her career against racial discrimination against African-American teachers by advocating for equal pay for equal work and by removing racial barriers to teacher assignments.

She even came to Albany and testified before the Legislature. She also was an advocate in the suffrage movement, advocating for voting rights for women of color. As a

member of the Equal Suffrage Club, Ms. Garnet supported the Niagara Movement, which was a predecessor to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the NAACP.

She retired from teaching, being a principal, and died peacefully at home in 1911 at the age of 88.

The second woman being inducted is someone that many of us knew, Judge Judith S. Kaye. Born in 1938, Judith Kaye was named to New York State's highest court and the first woman to serve as the state's Chief Judge. She was born in Monticello, graduated from high school at the age of 15, attended Barnard College and took night classes at New York University Law School, graduating in 1962, one of only 10 women in a class of 300.

Governor Mario Cuomo interviewed her twice and appointed her to the bench for a 14-year term, making her the first female justice of the New York State Court of Appeals in its 150-year history.

On September 12, 1983, she became an associate judge, and on February 22, 1993, she was appointed by then-Governor Cuomo as the first

female Chief Judge in the State of New York.

She also instituted, during her term as Chief Judge, many New York court system reforms, including creating specialized courts to focus on drug addiction, domestic violence, and mental health.

She served until 2008, when she reached the mandatory retirement age of 70, and as you know appeared here in our legislative chamber many times to swear us in as we began a new term. Judge Kaye died in 2016.

The first woman being inducted is Virginia S. Radley, who made history on March 22, 1978, when she became the first woman college president in the SUNY system. She was the eighth president of SUNY Oswego in its 126-year history. She received a bachelor of arts from Russell Sage College, a master's from the University of Rochester, a second master's degree from Syracuse University, as well as her Ph.D. from Syracuse University -- a true New York woman.

From 1975 to 1985, she increased the percentage of women employed at SUNY Oswego, as well as doubling those who were on the executive level. Excellence was Dr. Radley's battle cry,

and she was known for her commitment to quality throughout her career.

She was a tireless advocate for women and received many awards: Trailblazer in Education, Pathfinder Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Advancement of Women in Administration. Dr. Radley retired from the SUNY system in 1992 and died in 1998.

These three women will be added to the New York State Senate Historical Women of Distinction. And you'll notice the display over in the Legislative Office Building; their photos and histories will be added to that.

So we are grateful for having them in New York State, and it's an honor to recognize them. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Thank you, Senator Little.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The

resolution is adopted.

Floor Leader.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, that resolution is open for cosponsorship. If a member chooses not to be a cosponsor, they should notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. If you would like to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

SENATOR GRIFFO: No, Madam President, if you choose not to be a cosponsor, we would ask that they notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Ah. So if you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Thank you. Thank you for the clarification.

Senator Griffo.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, I would like you to recognize Senator Kaminsky for the purposes of an introduction.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Kaminsky for the purpose of an introduction.

SENATOR KAMINSKY: Thank you, Madam

President. I ask today to recognize Johanna Sofield, a founder of a not-for-profit in Long Beach called the Long Beach Christmas Angel. And I'm joined by hundreds outside who welcome her as well.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR KAMINSKY: Johanna Sofield started a charity a number of years ago called the Long Beach Christmas Angel with a very simple purpose: Those in our community who had a little less around a very special time of year needed some gifts, needed some help. They should have presents like everybody else too.

And what she started as a very kind idea and a very nice gesture soon met a greater challenge with Superstorm Sandy. And many families unable to pay their mortgage, who needed furniture, who were living with mold, who needed a place to stay, were given a helping hand by the Long Beach Christmas Angel. Johanna soon found herself inundated and grew and got bigger. And to this day, she's helped hundreds if not thousands of residents and has helped them obtain hundreds and thousands of dollars that they needed.

Our not-for-profits play such an important role filling in the gaps in our society. And Johanna has been the angel of the Long Beach Christmas Angel. We honor her here today for her great work. She deserves every bit of that. In our time, when someone needs some help, she's about the first or second call someone gets. She rarely ever turns anyone down and comes through spectacularly.

Johanna, you're a star. We're grateful to have here. You were the Long Beach Herald Person of the Year a few years ago for good reason, and today we honor you again for the great work of the Long Beach Christmas Angel. Congratulations, and keep going.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Johanna, I want to echo Senator Kaminsky's comments. We have known each other for several years now. Our daughters played lacrosse together.

And after the devastation that happened through Superstorm Sandy, I personally got to see her efforts. And her organization is truly named after her as an angel.

So Senator Kaminsky, thank you for bringing Johanna up here. I can't think of anyone else that deserves this recognition. So thank you. Thank you very much.

Senator Griffo.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, I would ask that we take up previously adopted Resolution Number 3451, by Senator Hannon, title only, and then call upon Senator Hannon to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 3451, by Senator Hannon, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2018 as Kidney Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Kidney Month.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Hannon on the resolution.

SENATOR HANNON: Thank you, Madam President.

I want to take the occasion of using this resolution, which calls on March to be Kidney Awareness Month, to not just talk about the need for addressing renal disease -- which

that is the disease when you suffer from kidney problems -- because 10 percent of all Americans have that, but use it as an occasion to talk about something that we've initiated by legislation in regard to live-donor donation of kidneys from one live person to another live person, a relatively new type of transplant adding to use of a kidney from a cadaver. And this allows us to expand the amount of people that we can successfully give extended lives, enriched lives. They don't have to be going through dialysis every week.

So this is something to make everybody aware. People are not necessarily aware that you can do this from live donor to live donor. Many of the major hospitals are just now beginning this whole process. So it's there, we're on the cutting edge, and yet it is something that you can absolutely help individuals with the quality of their life in this state.

So I commend this to the body for adoption.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Thank you, Senator Hannon.

Floor Leader.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, that resolution was previously adopted on January 17th of 2018.

And it is open for cosponsorship. Should a member choose to be a cosponsor, they should notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The resolution is opened for cosponsorship. If you would like to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator Griffo.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, I would ask now that we take up Resolution Number 4084, by Senator Kennedy, title only, and call on Senator Kennedy to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 4084, by Senator Kennedy, commending James Sumbrum, Sr., upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 25th Annual Old First Ward St. Patrick's Day Parade.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Kennedy on the resolution.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam President.

Today I rise to honor James Sumbrum, Sr., the Grand Marshal of the 25th Annual "Old Neighborhood" St. Patrick's Day Parade in Buffalo's Old First Ward, coming up this Saturday.

Jim is the son of the late Joseph and Mary Ellen Sumbrum, and is a lifelong resident of the Old First Ward, growing up as one of 10 children on Alabama Street.

Jim is proud to carry on the family tradition of participating in this great parade. His mother, the late Mary Ellen Kearns Sumbrum, was the 2012 Grand Marshal of the Old Neighborhood St. Patrick's Day parade.

As a kid, Jim could be found playing floor hockey at the Valley Community Center. It's here that he would meet the love of his life, Pamela Wasileski Sumbrum. Jim and Pam have been married for 41 years and have two sons, James "Bucky" Sumbrum; and Justin "Buzzy" Sumbrum. They've been blessed with wonderful daughters-in-law, Amy and Courtney, and three happy, healthy grandchildren.

Jim worked a number of jobs throughout his life, sometimes a few at a time. Although he made his career as a truck driver for the City of Buffalo, there is no doubt that his time spent with the young people in the Old First Ward and the Valley Community Center is some of his proudest work. He knew that getting kids involved with sports and in the community would help keep them off the streets and instill a sense of camaraderie and leadership in them.

Jim was never really off the clock. For years he volunteered as a member of the Valley board of directors, coached Little League, Valley First Ward football, Mariners, Steamers and South Buffalo Tigers, and spearheaded food concessions at Rally in the Valley.

Jim launched South Buffalo lacrosse at Father Conway Park, fielding 160 kids in its first year, introducing dozens of young people to a sport that they may have never been exposed to otherwise. What started as a few teams playing in the park became a widely revered league with several students going on to play in college and receiving scholarships.

Despite life's curve balls, Jim

continues to persevere with an upbeat attitude and a nonstop sense of humor. He is faithful to his neighborhood and committed to his family, especially his granddaughters, Lilly, Maddie, and Adeline, as well as his first grandson, who is due to arrive this May.

Jim is most deserving to be honored as Grand Marshal of the 2018 Old Neighborhood St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today I thank Jim for his lifelong commitment to improving our community. He epitomizes what it means to be Irish, an Old First Warder, a Buffalonian, and a New Yorker. We are honored and proud to call him one of our own.

We look forward to celebrating Grand Marshal Jim Sumbrum, his family, community and everything he loves, especially the Irish, this upcoming St. Patrick's Day weekend. We congratulate the Grand Marshal, Jim Sumbrum, and look forward to a grand celebration.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Thank you, Senator Kennedy.

And congratulations and thanks to Grand Marshal Jim Sumbrum for his commitment to

our community.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The resolution is adopted.

Floor Leader.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, the resolution by Senator Kennedy is open for cosponsorship at the sponsor's request. If a member chooses to be a cosponsor, please come and notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The resolution is opened for cosponsorship. If you'd like to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator Griffo.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, I'd now ask that we take up Resolutions Number 4060, 4061, 4062, 4063 and 4065, by Senator Montgomery, read the titles only, and call upon Senator Montgomery to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The

Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 4060, by Senator Montgomery, honoring Sharon Content upon the occasion of being inducted into the Strong Nonprofits for Better New York's Women in Human Services Hall of Fame on March 13, 2018.

Resolution Number 4061, by Senator Montgomery, honoring Monique Newkirk upon the occasion of being inducted into the Strong Nonprofits for Better New York's Women in Human Services Hall of Fame on March 13, 2018.

Legislative Resolution Number 4062, by Senator Montgomery, honoring Marla Simpson upon the occasion of being inducted into the Strong Nonprofits for Better New York's Women in Human Services Hall of Fame on March 13, 2018.

Legislative Resolution Number 4063, by Senator Montgomery, honoring Lillie Marshall upon the occasion of being inducted into the Strong Nonprofits for Better New York's Women in Human Services Hall of Fame on March 13, 2018.

And Legislative Resolution Number 4065, by Senator Montgomery, honoring Ivy Gamble Cobb upon the occasion of being inducted into the

Strong Nonprofits for Better New York's Women in Human Services Hall of Fame on March 13, 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Senator Montgomery.

SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise to honor the Strong Nonprofits for Better New York's Hall of Fame organization and the women that they have decided to recognize and place into what they consider their Hall of Fame for the State of New York.

Our nonprofit community is on the front lines each and every day in our state, across the state. We as elected officials, as government officials, rely heavily on them to serve some of our most vulnerable populations. And they do so admirably and consistently, year in and year out.

I am proud to represent a district that is home to so many strong nonprofit organizations where women hold major leadership positions. Women, as we know, lead our major institutions, run our most effective programming, and advocate for those most in need of a voice in our state.

I am so honored that these women, the five women that you mentioned, are from my district and that they're being acknowledged here today in Albany in our own chamber. As a member of the New York State women's suffrage, I am extremely proud to be part of the recognition of these women.

The five women that are mentioned here in these resolutions have devoted their time, their energy, and their entire lives to empowering others, and I see firsthand the impact they have on my constituents. I will name them briefly, Madam Chair -- if you don't mind, Madam President.

Ivy Gamble Cobb, who is the executive director of The Family Center located in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn.

Sharon Content, president and founder of Children of Promise. I see the work that she has done on behalf of children of incarcerated parents.

Marla Simpson, who is the executive director of the Brooklyn Community Services, which is an organization that for so many, many years has served children, families, including

very young children and their families in the borough of Brooklyn.

Monique Newkirk, who is a senior program director of Good Shepherd Services. Good Shepherd Services serves high school students, serves students with special needs, provides support services in high schools in my district, provides the Close to Home programming, provides family services, and most importantly, is poised to be one of the premier Raise the Age institutions in Brooklyn and especially in my district.

So we are responsible, as elected officials here, to support these important service providers in our budget, in our recognition of their leaders, and certainly in this month when we recognize women, understanding that women play such an important role in providing services and support to people in our state.

So thank you for allowing me to honor those women today, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Thank you, Senator Montgomery, for bringing these women to our attention.

The question is on the resolutions. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The resolutions are adopted.

Senator Griffo.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, at Senator Montgomery's request, the resolutions are open for cosponsorship. If a member chooses to be a cosponsor, they should notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: The resolutions are opened for cosponsorship. If you'd like to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator Griffo.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, is there any further business before the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: There is no further business at the desk.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Accordingly, Madam President, I move that we adjourn until

Wednesday, March 14th, at 1:00 p.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT PHILLIPS: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 14th, at 1:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 4:42 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)