

State of New York Legislative Resolution

Senate No. 1832



BY: Senators Breslin, Diaz, Dilan, Espada, Farley, Foley, Hannon, Hassell-Thompson, Kruger, Larkin, LaValle, Little, Maziarz, Monserrate, Morahan, Nozzolio, Padavan, Ranzenhofer, Schneiderman, Stachowski, Stewart-Cousins and Volker

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of the Retired Public Employees Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations which devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Retired Public Employees Association, to be celebrated at their Legislative Action Day on Tuesday, May 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA) represents the interests of retirees from government service in New York, retirees from State service as well as Counties, Cities, Towns, Villages and School Districts across New York; it works hard to ensure that the retirement income and benefits its members earned while in public service are safe; and

WHEREAS, A true asset, the RPEA has been doing this effectively for 40 years and in fact, they are the only organization whose single purpose is the interests of public service retirees; and

WHEREAS, It all began in November of 1966 where a small number of retirees met at lunch to discuss problems facing public service retirees; they recognized that retirees needed an organization to develop the clout in order to make their voices heard; as retirees themselves, these particular individuals realized that their benefits were not keeping up with inflation; and

WHEREAS, Upon receiving its Certificate of Incorporation from the Secretary of State on April 23, 1969, the RPEA had more than 1,700 retirees from all parts of New York State along with a variety of agencies that had become members of the fledging organization; the association's enrollment continued to grow to 12,930 in 1975, 28,037 in 1990, 45,652 in 1996 and today, its membership is more than 50,000; and

WHEREAS, RPEA's members participate in 19 Chapters, 13 of which are located throughout New York State as well as five in Florida and one in the Carolinas; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Retired Public Employees Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Stanley Winter, and to Executive Director Michael B. Fitzgerald.

ADOPTED IN SENATE ON
May 5, 2009

Neil S. Breslin

By order of the Senate

Angelo J. Aponte

Angelo J. Aponte, Secretary

