

Legislative Resolution



Assembly No. 117

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MEMORIALIZING Governor David A. Paterson to
proclaim March 19, 2009, as New York State College
Fair Day

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 19, 2009, as New York State College Fair Day; and

WHEREAS, The theme of the New York State College Fair Day is "The Importance of Staying In School"; the alarming rate of Latino and African American students dropping out of high school is well-known; as a result, the United Coalition Association is urging people in the Latino and African American communities to take a stance and educate the many families who are unaware of the resources available for their children to obtain a college education; and

WHEREAS, The United Coalition Association, under the leadership of its founder Ronald Leroy Savage Jr., has taken steps to fight against the alarming number of youth dropouts by hosting the College Fairs which are designed to inspire youth by showing them the value of an education and equipping students with the means to obtain a high quality education that will enable them to become successful adults in life; and

WHEREAS, This special event is for high school students and current college students who are interested in attending CUNY schools; and

WHEREAS, Individuals attending CUNY colleges for the first time will be given a donation for the application fee for up to three CUNY schools through an essay submission on the topic of "the importance of completing higher education"; the donation will be awarded to five students each year; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge organizations and individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the growth of education in the great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 19, 2009, as New York State College Fair Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of New York State, and the United Coalition Association.

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON
February 9, 2009

By order of the Assembly,

Laurene R. Kretzler, Clerk