

## 2010 TEACHERS OF DISTINCTION



Senator Padavan with the 2010 Teachers of Distinction at the Queens Farm Museum

It has become an annual tradition to honor teachers from throughout our community who go the extra mile in the classroom and embody a strong dedication to our children. Back in May, during National Teacher Appreciation Week, Senator Padavan hosted his fourth annual Teacher of Distinction ceremony where he honored over 35 teachers from both public and private schools from throughout Northeast Queens.

## PADAVAN HOSTS PS 135 STUDENTS DURING VISIT TO STATE CAPITOL



In June, Senator Padavan hosted a group of fourth graders from PS 135 The Bellaire School in Queens Village. The students took a tour of the State Capitol where they learned about the building's history and the workings of the State Legislature. Above: PS 135 students receive a special visit from Mayor Bloomberg, Senator Padavan, Queens District Attorney Brown and Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings outside the Senate Chamber.

## PLAY BALL! LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY



Senator Padavan makes opening remarks with two members of his team, the Padavan Blue Jays at the opening day ceremony for the Glen Oaks Little League



Senator Padavan addresses the crowd gathered at the Jamaica Estates Little League opening day ceremony



Senator Padavan with members of his team, the Padavan Powderpuffs, at the opening day ceremony for the HBQVB Little League at Padavan-Preller Field

## PADAVAN ADDRESSES JAMAICA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Senator Padavan delivers the keynote address at the Jamaica High School commencement



Jamaica High School Principal Walter G. Achman thanks Senator Padavan for his keynote address

Senator Frank Padavan had the honor this year to deliver the keynote address at the Jamaica High School graduation ceremony. Padavan urged the graduates to summon patience and fortitude when facing challenges in their future endeavors.



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JAMAICA ESTATES,  
QUEENS VILLAGE  
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## REFORM ALBANY UPDATE

The State Legislature must enact common-sense, fair-minded reforms that will bring about accountability and transparency to all our state government. In keeping with his strong commitment to reform, Senator Padavan signed on to the "Pledge for Change New York," a collaborative project of good government groups. Some of the proposals lined out in the pledge include: ensuring ethics, lobbying and campaign finance reforms are independent and powerful; providing an independent process for redistricting; and establishing an Independent Budget Office to oversee state finances.



Senator Padavan with Dick Dadey, Executive Director of the Citizen Union of the City of New York



Senator Padavan with 2010 Woman of Distinction Honoree Terri Pouymari in Senate Chamber

## TERRI POUYMARI 2010 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

The Woman of Distinction Award is bestowed upon women throughout the state who have tirelessly given of themselves in service to their community and have achieved professional and personal excellence. This year the prestigious honor for our community was presented to life-long Queens resident Terri Pouymari, President of the Auburndale Improvement Association. Pouymari spent over 30 years teaching history at Newton High School in Elmhurst. She resides in Flushing with her husband John, a former history teacher and school administrator. Both are active members of St. Kevin's Parish in Auburndale.



## CONTROLLING MEDICAID SPENDING WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS DOLLARS

New York's Medicaid spending has risen to a point that it is simply unsustainable. The facts are astounding. We spend an estimated \$1 billion a week on Medicaid for a total of \$52 billion annually. Future projections have state spending, your tax dollars, for Medicaid increasing by 37 percent over the next five years adding \$5 billion more in spending.

When you compare New York to other states the picture becomes even more troubling and stunning in its scale and scope. Total spending in New York is 70 percent above the national average and spends more California and Texas combined. The Medicaid system is riddled with fraud, waste and abuse costing New York billions.

**Senator Padavan has developed a plan that will save New York hundreds of millions in the short-term and billions into the future with some much-needed reforms to the Medicaid program.** Some of the provisions in the action plan include:

- ▶ Authorizing the referral of all fraud cases to local DA's to streamline and increase the prosecution of cases and allow counties to keep a portion of the funds they recover;
- ▶ Restoring common sense asset and resource testing as a Medicaid eligibility; and
- ▶ Eliminating "doctor shopping" by requiring recipients to choose one primary doctor and one pharmacist.

## PADAVAN, COMMUNITY FIGHT MTA SERVICE CUTS



The Q79 is a vital bus line for thousands of Northeast Queens residents. Families, students and seniors rely on the bus line to travel throughout the borough and to destinations in Long Island. That is why, Senator Padavan joined with local residents and community leaders to fight against the MTA's plan to cut the Q79 bus line.



## MEMORIAL DAY IN NORTHEAST QUEENS



Senator Padavan and fellow veterans pay tribute to our fallen heroes at the Queens Village Memorial Day Observance

## PADAVAN WELCOMES RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF LONG ISLAND TO CAPITOL

Senator Padavan hosted the annual Ronald McDonald House of Long Island legislative breakfast this year at the Legislative Office Building in Albany. The breakfast provides staff and volunteers from the house with an opportunity to meet with state legislators from the region. Located in New Hyde Park, the Ronald McDonald House of LI is a: "home away from home" providing comfort and shelters to families experiencing the pain of having a sick child in an area hospital.

Ronald McDonald House of LI Executive Director Joanne Reda thanks Senator Padavan for his long-standing commitment to the Ronald McDonald House while Director of Development and Communications Matthew Campo looks on at the conclusion of the annual legislative breakfast in Albany

## FIGHTING FOR MORE JOBS AND A STRONGER ECONOMY

Several months ago, my colleagues and I in the Senate Minority Conference worked with small business leaders across the State in crafting a comprehensive proposal to improve New York's economy, cut taxes, and help create thousands of new private sector jobs. This groundbreaking plan, called the 2010 Job Creation and Retention Package, includes the following components:

### A Cap on State Spending

Imposing a constitutional cap on State spending is one of the most critical

steps we can take to improve New York's overall business climate.

### Job Creation Tax Credit

An average \$2,500-\$5,000 credit to employers in New York for every new job created / only new jobs that expand total payroll. They would receive up to \$3,000 in an additional credit for hiring a New Yorker on unemployment.

### Moratorium on New Taxes and Regulations

Our plan would impose a moratorium on

any new taxes, fees and regulations on small businesses, manufacturers and farms.

Perhaps the biggest missed opportunity in the State Budget was that it failed to address New York's most serious challenge — the need for economic growth and new private sector jobs.

In the days ahead, I will continue fighting for the key reforms set forth in the 2010 Job Creation and Retention Package, because it would dramatically improve our business climate and create thousands of new job opportunities.

## PADAVAN SPONSORS EDUCATIONAL EVENT AT MARY LOUIS ACADEMY



In late April, Senator Padavan sponsored the "Young Women in Math Day" at the Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica Estates. More than 120 seventh graders from over 40 public and non-public schools took part in the special event aimed at fostering interest and expansion of mathematic skills. The afternoon featured workshops and mathematic related competitions. During the award ceremony, Padavan spoke about how math helped him in his career as an engineer and urged all students to continue their pursuit of excellence in mathematics.

Senator Padavan with the award winners from the "Young Women in Math Day" at the Mary Louis Academy

## PADAVAN, AQUINAS SOCIETY STUDENTS CELEBRATE JAMAICA ESTATES' HISTORY



In April, Senator Padavan joined with students from the Immaculate Conception School's Aquinas Honor Society and local civic leaders to celebrate the unveiling of a historical marker for Jamaica Estates at Wexford Terrace and Midland Malls. Padavan provided a \$2,000 grant for the historical plaque after the students undertook two years of research into the history and heritage of the Jamaica Estates community.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Senator Padavan, the Aquinas Society and local civic leaders unveil the new Jamaica Estates historical marker. Padavan praises the Aquinas Society for their work highlighting Jamaica Estates history. Senator Padavan with Aquinas Society students and Immaculate Conception Principal Dorothea Breen following the unveiling of the Jamaica Estates historical marker.