

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 school from throughout Northeast Queens.

PADAVAN HONORED AT WHITESTONE FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY



Recently, Senator Padavan joined with Councilman Halloran, the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers' Civic Association, the Knights of Columbus and the North Queens United Group to host the first annual Whitestone Family Appreciation Day. The event featured activities and programs all afternoon long. During the event, Padavan was honored for his military service and dedication and devoted service to the Whitestone community.

Top: Senator Padavan is presented with a plaque by Peter Zuccarollo with Councilman Dan Halloran at Whitestone Family Appreciation Day

Center: Senator Padavan with a local family at the Whitestone Family Appreciation Day

Bottom: Senator Padavan with Barbara Ellenberger, Chairperson of the Board of the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers' Association during the Whitestone Family Appreciation Day

CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN FLUSHING



Parade Grand Marshall and Flushing Chinese Business Association President Peter Chu, Councilman Peter Koo, Senator Frank Padavan holding American flags provided by Padavan line up to kick off the Lunar New Year parade in Flushing New York



Senator Padavan with a traditional Korean drummer at the Korean American Association of Queens' Lunar New Year Parade in Flushing on Saturday February 20, 2010.

PLAY BALL! LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY



Senator Padavan throws out the ceremonial first pitch to mark start of the College Point Little League season



FAMILY FUN DAY AT MACNEIL PARK A BIG SUCCESS

In a partnership with the Poppenhusen Institute, Senator Frank Padavan sponsored the first annual Family Fun Day at MacNeil Park in College Point. The afternoon long free event, attended by over 600 local residents and children, featured fun, games and educational programs by the Alley Pond Environmental Center, the LI Children Museum, the Fire Department of New York and the NYC Coalition of Transportation.

Top: Poppenhusen Institute Executive Director Susan Brustman, Otto the Clown and Senator Padavan with a local family at Family Fun Day in MacNeil Park
Left: Senator Padavan with two local youngsters at the APEC booth during Family Fun Day at MacNeil Park
Right: Senator Padavan and Susan Brustman with Grupo Latino at MacNeil Park for post Family Fun Day community concert



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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 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.

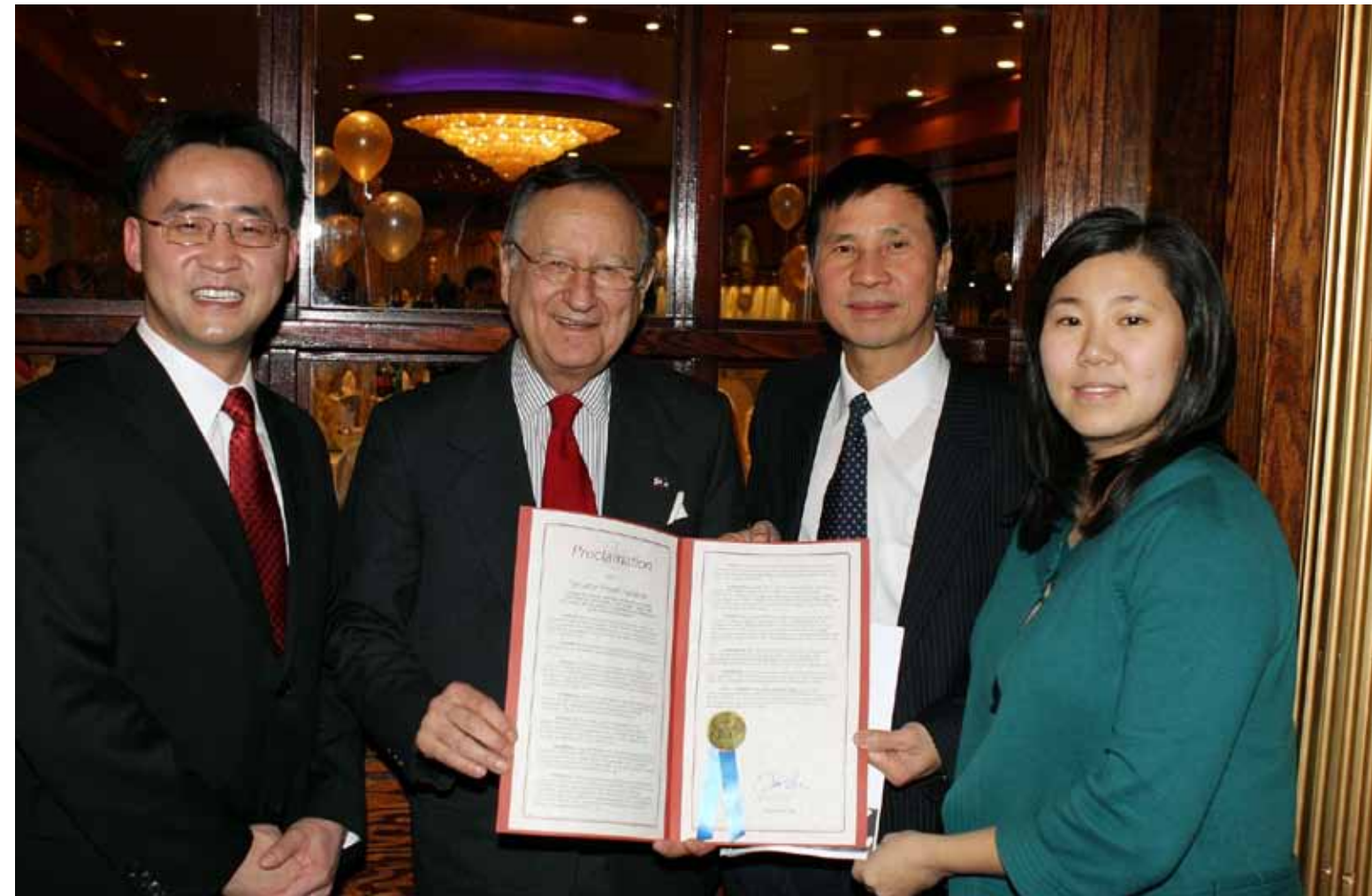
Senator Padavan has developed a plan that will save New York hundreds of millions in the short-term and billions into the future with some much-needed reforms to the Medicaid program. Some of the provisions in the action plan include:

- ▶ 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.



PADAVAN HONORS FLUSHING SMALL BUSINESS

Crystal Windows and Doors Systems is an award winning manufacturer of quality, energy-efficient vinyl and aluminum windows and high end fenestration systems for residential, commercial and institutional buildings. The company has grown from a start-up and now employees 800 employees. Additionally, Crystal Windows and Door Systems is involved in many business, community and charitable organizations including the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Queensborough Community College Fund, Queens/Flushing Library systems, College Point Board of Trade, Child Center of New York, Flushing Chinese Business Association and Taiwanese Business Association.

Crystal Window and Door Systems Executive VP Steven Chen, Senator Padavan, Crystal Window and Door Systems President Thomas Chen and Assemblywoman Grace Meng (Flushing) mark the 20th Anniversary of Crystal Window and Door Systems with a Senate Proclamation.

WEST POINT DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

On Wednesday April 28, New York State Senator Frank Padavan (Queens), a retired colonel and 30-year veteran of the United States Army Corp of Engineers, met with Cadet Rachel Kim and Cadet Hemanth Nalamothu during West Point Day at the State Capitol. Cadet Kim, a member of the Class of 2013 is from Whitestone and Cadet Nalamothu, a member of the Class of 2011 is from Bayside. Both Cadets were recognized on the floor of the State Senate during a special portion of the legislative session. West Point Day is an annual tradition in the State Legislature that honors the service of the Cadets and the important role the storied institution plays in New York State and the nation



Cadet Rachel Kim, Senator Frank Padavan and Cadet Hemanth Nalamothu during West Point Day at the State Capitol

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.

"The key cornerstones of this plan are stability and growth for New York's economy...It will provide new opportunities for middle class families and all New Yorkers who have been deeply impacted by the recession and growing unemployment."

—Senator Frank Padavan

MEMORIAL DAY IN NORTHEAST QUEENS



Councilman Dan Halloran, Mayor Bloomberg, Senator Padavan and Assemblywoman Grace Meng at the Whitestone Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 31, 2010.



Senator Padavan and Councilman Dan Halloran honor our fallen soldiers and America during a ceremony following the College Point Memorial Day Parade