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Community Update: Week Ending 5/14/10



HONORING OUR POLICE OFFICERS

This week, May 9th – May 15th is National Police Week. Established by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, National Police Week honors our police men and women, and pays tribute to those law enforcement officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. Each day, hundreds of New York State Troopers, Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies, and police men and women in the Rochester, Brighton, Brockport, East Rochester, Fairport, Gates, Greece, Irondequoit, Ogden, and Webster police departments put their lives on the line to serve and protect residents in Monroe County.

While ceremonies are held all across our nation and state this week to honor our brave police men and women that have given their lives to protect us, please take a moment to reflect on their selfless devotion to our community, and to remember their families and friends. I salute all the men and women who serve in uniform, and continue to pray for their health and safety.

RIT HOCKEY TEAM RECOGNIZED

Last week, I joined the RIT President, members of the RIT Board of Trustees, community leaders and school faculty and students, to present a Senate Resolution to Coach Wilson and the members of the RIT men's hockey team commemorating their historic season. The event was a wonderful way to celebrate the team's spectacular run to the NCAA Frozen Four, held last month in Detroit. I look forward to their season opener next year!

SENATE CONFIRMS DENNIS MULLEN FOR TOP ECONOMIC POST:

Pittsford Native Named Chairman of the Empire State Development Corp.



On Tuesday, I was proud to support the nomination of Dennis Mullen for Chairman and CEO of the Empire State Development Corp. (ESDC), the state agency whose primary mission is the facilitation of business growth and job creation across New York State. Mr. Mullen, of Pittsford – former President and CEO of the Greater Rochester Enterprise and of Birds Eye Foods located in Rochester – was first designated Chairman and CEO of ESDC in July of last year.

As a former small business owner myself, and as a longtime member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, I have known Dennis Mullen personally for many years, and have enjoyed working with him professionally to create jobs, retain jobs, and alleviate many of the burdens imposed on businesses throughout New York State. I am confident that his experience – and accomplishments – in both the public and private sectors of our economy has prepared him well for the challenges he will face as Chairman and CEO of ESDC.

Most impressive about Dennis Mullen, however, is his genuine concern for the businesses and jobs in New York State. He has no political agenda when it comes to developing the economy of our state. I look forward to continuing my relationship with Mr. Mullen in the years ahead, and under his leadership, I am confident that ESDC will embark on a pro-business agenda that will benefit all of New York's businesses, private-sector employees, and residents.

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