



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jose Peralta

## Text of Senator Jose R. Peralta's Remarks To Have Been Delivered In Explaining Vote For Marriage Equality

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"The eyes of history and a higher power are upon us here today. Let them see that the time has finally arrived when the State of New York recognizes a loving commitment between two men or two women. Let them see that the day has come when common sense and human decency are the law in New York. And let them see that we are men and women of integrity and fairness. For if they see these things from us, they will look favorably on this chamber's actions today. Just as my children will look back when they're older and be proud of their father. On this, the most important vote of my career to this point, perhaps the most important vote I will ever make, I say yes."