



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Klein and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj Pass Joint Resolution Commemorating Fifth Anniversary of Kosova Independence on February 17, 2013

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ALBANY, NY, Senator Jeff Klein (D-Westchester/Bronx) and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj (D-80) joined together yesterday in passing a Joint resolution in both the Senate and the Assembly commemorating the Fifth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of Kosova on February 17, 2013. Following American and NATO-led military intervention in Kosovo to end ethnic cleansing under Slobodan Milosevic, Kosova is now functioning under

a democratic Constitution and has established diplomatic relations with the United States. Many Kosovar Nationals and Kosovar-Americans and Albanian-Americans from Kosova have made their home in New York and the resolution passed yesterday recognizes the cultural, political and historical independence of Kosova and the importance of the ongoing contributions to New York from members of this community.

Senator Klein called the resolution important and meaningful. “The Senate and the Assembly recognized the importance of February 17<sup>th</sup> to Kosovar Nationals, Kosvar-Americans and Albanian-Americans across New York. I am proud to be part of this effort to recognize Kosova’s independence on behalf of members of the Kosova and Albanian communities in my district.”

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