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Senator Valesky Co-Sponsors Resolutions Honoring Nelson Mandela

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ALBANY, N.Y.-- State Senator David J. Valesky (D-Oneida) announced that the New York State Senate passed two resolutions this week commemorating the life of former South African President Nelson Mandela. The resolutions, co-sponsored by Senator Valesky, recognize Mandela's pivotal contribution to ending apartheid through peaceful, non-violent resistance, commemorate the 24th anniversary of his visit to New York City and mourn his recent death on December 5, 2013.

"Nelson Mandela dedicated his life to achieving a free society that offered equal opportunities to all of its citizens, regardless of their backgrounds," Senator Valesky said. "I am pleased to be able to honor a man who served as an inspiration to many of us and who fought for the same ideals that we strive for here in the United States."

The full text of the resolutions can found at <http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/J2885-2013> and <http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/J2886-2013>.