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Senate Resolution No. 301

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMENDING President and Chief Executive Officer  
James Allen upon the occasion of his retirement  
after many years of distinguished service to the New  
York Apple Association

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those  
individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to  
enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that  
the quality and character of life in New York State is reflective of the  
concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to  
the welfare of the State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
commend President and Chief Executive Officer James Allen upon the  
occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to  
the New York Apple Association; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Allen joined the New York Apple Association in  
1996 as the Retail Program Director, and four years later, in 2000, was  
named Senior Executive; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as President of the Apple Association, Jim Allen earned the reputation as a passionate industry supporter and advocate for nationwide industry cooperation; he successfully formed alliances with the New York Farm Bureau and the New York Horticultural Society, ushered in consumer advertising as part of the Association's marketing, and founded the Core Report, an apple grower newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments, Jim Allen served three times as Chair of the United States Apple Export Council; currently, he serves on several committees working to advance both the New York and United States apple industry and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Jim Allen was named the 2002 Apple Person of the Year, was selected as one of the top 25 agricultural leaders in the United States in 2008 by The Packer, and received the 2007 Produce Industry Advocate of the Year by the United Produce Industry; and

WHEREAS, Jim Allen's tenure has been marked by his committed leadership, hard work and dedicated service to the Apple Association; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend President and Chief Executive Officer James Allen upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the New York Apple Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Allen.