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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Social Security on Friday, August 14, 2015

WHEREAS, On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Social Security Act which, at its inception, was a lump sum retirement program; since that time, Social Security has evolved into crucial monthly aid which curtails poverty for over sixty-four million elderly, disabled people and their families; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Social Security system which one in six New Yorkers rely upon to assist with living expenses, and, according to American Association of Retired Persons research, lifts 820,000 New York retirees out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, Upon the signing of the Social Security Act, Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said: "Today, a hope of many years' standing is in large part fulfilled... We have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age"; and

WHEREAS, The creation and resilience of Social Security should be acknowledged and commended for its contributions to the people of the State of New York and the country as a whole; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Social Security on Friday, August 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration.