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Senator Serrano Passes Resolution Encouraging New Yorkers to Conserve Energy

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A Resolution introduced by Senator José M. Serrano (D-Manhattan/Bronx) to commemorate Earth Hour passed the New York State Senate unanimously today. The resolution requests that Governor Andrew Cuomo adopt 8:30 PM, Saturday, March 26, 2011 as Earth Hour in a show of solidarity to encourage environmental and energy conservation.

The first Earth Hour took place in 2007, and since then hundreds of millions of people and

landmarks have taken part in this environmentally friendly tradition. Earth Hour 2010 was the most successful to date, with a record 128 countries and territories joining this global display of climate action.

“Earth Hour is a great way to raise awareness of sustainability issues, and although we do this for one hour each year, it is a symbol of a greater commitment to helping diminish the environmental issues that plague our communities year round,” said Senator Serrano.

“My district has some of the highest asthma rates in the country, which will only worsen as temperatures rise and lead to increased smog in urban areas. This year, the Empire State Building, in addition to various other landmarks will go dark for an hour, and I encourage all New Yorkers to do their part to, once again, make Earth Hour a success!”

Senate Resolution No. 1010

BY: Senator SERRANO

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare
8:30pm on Saturday, March 26, 2011, as Earth Hour in
the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to increase public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of this great Empire State, as well as recognize the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life within New York; and

WHEREAS, On Earth Hour, cities across the world ask their residents and businesses to turn off all non-essential lights for one hour in collective show of action against global warming; and

WHEREAS, This year, cities ranging from Suva, Fiji, to Chicago, Illinois, from Tel Aviv, Israel, to Copenhagen, Denmark, have pledged to observe Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, New York State should take its place among these world sites, and give a strong show of support for this symbolic action that will have the real effect of lowering the State's carbon emissions and environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, Having iconic sites such as the Empire State Building, The Capitol, The Executive Mansion, and Niagara Falls go dark will have a deep and meaningful impact to people around the world; the time for action on global warming has come, and although Earth Hour is not the solution to the problem, it is a real start and will play an important role in galvanizing support to combat the dire threat our planet faces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare 8:30pm on Saturday, March 26, 2011, as Earth Hour in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.