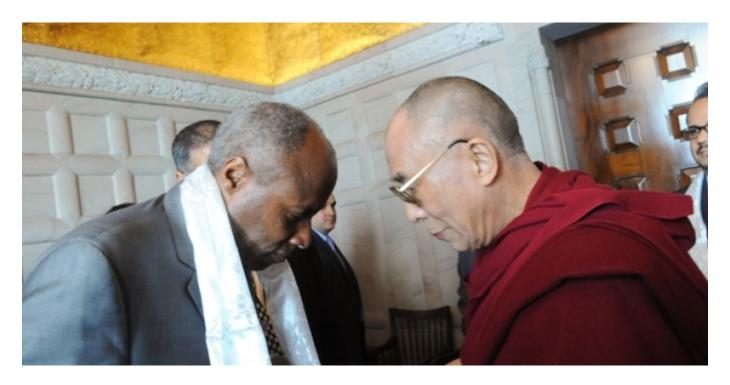


Senator Perkins & His Holiness the Dalai Lama

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On May 6, 2009 His Holiness the Dalai Lama graced the New York State Senate with His presence. Preceding the opening invocation His Holiness gave during session, numerous legislators presented His Holiness with sacred white Tibetan Buddhist scarves known as katas. As is customary with this ritual, His Holiness then returned the blessed kata to each legislator who presented a scarf to Him.