A motion was made by Mr. Commisso to invoke Rule 11 and was passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 401

REQUESTING THE NYS GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT AND DESIGNATE FUNDING TO LUNG CANCER RESEARCH AND EARLY DETECTION

Introduced: 11/13/06
By Mr. Commisso:

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States, and

WHEREAS, about 13,000 people get lung cancer in NYS each year, and about 9,000 die from it each year, and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer takes the lives of more Americans each year than breast, prostate, colon, liver, kidney cancers and melanoma combined, and

WHEREAS, women die disproportionately from lung cancer than women who get breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, former smokers and people who have never smoked comprise the majority of new cases of lung cancer each year, and

WHEREAS, 70% of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at late stage, with a 15% 5 year survival rate, and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist, yet have not been embraced as the standard of care, and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research falls far short of that for other less fatal diseases, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Albany County Legislature is aware of the impact lung cancer has on public health, and requests that the NYS leadership, Governor-elect Eliot Spitzer, NYS Joseph Bruno, and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, extend the Health Care Reform Act and in it designate $20 million to lung cancer research and early detection. $20 million is equal to 1% of the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement and the Tobacco Tax Revenue, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Albany County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor-elect Eliot Spitzer, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, John McEneny, Robert Reilly and Pat Casale and to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 11/13/06