

RESOLUTION NO. 171

URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT THE TAX RELIEF ON ENERGY ACT

Introduced: 5/8/06

By Mss. Barlette, Prentiss, Comella, Messrs. Melchionni and Tunny:

WHEREAS, The suburban families of Albany County must depend on their automobiles as transportation for work and for their family responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, The price of gasoline and diesel fuel has skyrocketed and the hardworking residents on New York State are paying the price, and

WHEREAS, New York State has the 4th highest sales tax rate in the Country, and

WHEREAS, New York State is one of nine states that charge sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel, and

WHEREAS, The current high cost of gasoline is, in part, caused by federal, state and local taxes on gasoline and diesel, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Assembly has legislation introduced, in the form of Assembly Bill A.9388, referred to as the Tax Relief on Energy Act, whereby one of the provisions is to temporarily eliminate New York State's sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel from July 4, 2006 to Labor Day 2006, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body believes that legislation is needed to give the residents of Albany County and New York State alike a break from the outrageous gasoline and diesel fuel prices, and

WHEREAS, The Assembly bill provides much needed tax incentives to purchase alternative energy saving products, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature requests the New York State Assembly enact A.9388, and urges the New York State Senate to enact same as legislation, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to New York Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Patterson, Assembly Minority Leader James Tedisco, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, John McEneny, Robert Reilly and Pat Casale and to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 5/8/06