

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator Vitale and Assemblymen Wisniewski and Coughlin

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to honor and congratulate Arlene Romoff, a highly esteemed member of her Garden State community, as the recipient of the Community Health Law Project's Ann Klein Advocate Award, which will be presented during the Project's Twenty-third Annual Dinner at the Wilshire Grand in West Orange on October 21, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, This prestigious accolade, named in memory of the former Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, is being bestowed upon Arlene Romoff in grateful recognition of exemplary dedication and steadfast commitment as an advocate for those with hearing loss; and,

WHEREAS, a member of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Council for the past twelve years, Arlene Romoff has made significant contributions as the co-founder of Advocates for Better Communication and the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, Arlene Romoff's pioneering efforts helped to bring open-captioned, live theatrical performances to Broadway, London, and regional United States theaters; and,

WHEREAS, In addition, Arlene Romoff is the distinguished author of *Hear Again – Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant*, and she utilizes her expertise on hearing loss as a speaker on cochlear implants, assistive technology, accessibility, advocacy, and sensitivity training; and,

WHEREAS, By her life and by her work, Arlene Romoff has most clearly demonstrated her dedication to the deaf and hard of hearing community and, in so doing, has proven herself to be an individual of character, concern, and ability; and,

WHEREAS, By repeatedly demonstrating her devotion to helping others, Arlene Romoff has earned the respect and admiration of all who know her and has set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby recognizes and salutes Arlene Romoff as the recipient of the Ann Klein Advocate Award, pays tribute to her exemplary record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends its best wishes for her continued success and happiness; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Arlene Romoff.

Attest:

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Kent M. Hicks
Secretary of the Senate

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Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly

Stephen M. Sweeney
President of the Senate

Sheila Y. Oliver
Speaker of the Assembly