

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK TO GRANT RETROACTIVE TIER I  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL  
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO MARIA WILLIAMS  
(ASSEMBLY BILL A.7292, SENATE BILL S.3661)**

**WHEREAS**, Maria Williams, an employee of the County of Suffolk, was eligible to join the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System on February 26, 1973, but, for reasons not attributable to her own negligence, did not become a member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System until September 27, 1973, which gave her Tier II status as opposed to Tier I status she would have been granted if she had filed for membership on her initial date of eligibility; and

**WHEREAS**, she may be granted Tier I status retroactively commencing on February 26, 1973 if on or before December 31, 2010, and shall file with the State Comptroller a written request to that effect; and

**WHEREAS**, such a grant of retroactive membership to allow Maria Williams to have Tier I status in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System will cost the County an estimated annual payment of approximately Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$970) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, plus an estimated one-time payment for past services rendered of approximately Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$54,700) which would be borne by the County of Suffolk; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Legislature enact Assembly Bill A.7292/Senate Bill S.3661, for the purpose of granting Tier I status to Maria Williams, an employee of the County of Suffolk, by deeming her date of membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to be February 26, 1973, with the costs of such status to be borne by the County of Suffolk as long as Maria Williams files a written request to that effect on or before December 31, 2010 to the New York State Comptroller; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor David A. Paterson; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Pedro Espada, Jr., to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Sheldon Silver; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

DATED: Adopted March 2, 2010