

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS MILLS, LORIGO, MORTON, HARDWICK, DIXON, & RATH**

Re: Opposition to Sheldon Silver remaining as the Speaker of the New York State Assembly

WHEREAS, Sheldon Silver has spent the past thirteen years in his position as Speaker for the New York State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during that time he has been behind many pivotal items of legislation and has also been at the forefront of a number of scandals including allegations that he spent substantial amounts of taxpayer funding to settle accusations of sexual misconduct of members of his party to protect them; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2015, he was arrested under the accusations that he accepted millions of dollars of income from Goldberg & Iryami that he never reported in his yearly disclosure; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years he was given the opportunity to amend his filings and he failed to do so, leaving the question as to whether he knew his income from the firm was improper and chose to hide the fact that he made significant amounts of money; and

WHEREAS, these sort of actions bring doubt onto the ethical standards of New York State and specifically the leadership of the New York State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker has temporarily ceded power to a small group of allied New York State Assemblymembers to give the illusion of a transition, while still retaining his Speakership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body calls for Mr. Silver to wholly resign from his position as Speaker of the New York State Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if Mr. Silver does not permanently step down of his own volition the Erie County Legislature hereby calls on the entire New York State Assembly to move to strip him of his authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body recognizes the members of the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Assembly who have called for Mr. Silver's resignation and hereby ask the remainder to similarly oppose Mr. Silver's Speakership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Office of Speaker Sheldon Silver, the Western New York Delegations for the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly, the local leadership in other Western New York counties, and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None