

Elizabeth O'Connor Little

Elizabeth O'Connor Little is serving her third term representing the residents of the 45th Senate District, which comprises Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren and Washington Counties. Prior to first winning election to the State Senate in November 2002, Senator Little served in the New York State Assembly for seven years.

In the Senate, Senator Little serves as Chair of the Local Government Committee. As Chair, she is responsible for overseeing the committee's work on legislation affecting counties, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts and special districts. Acknowledging the financial difficulties confronting many local governments throughout New York, leading the Local Government Committee takes on added importance and Senator Little is committed to working with local governments to ensure they are able to continue providing public services affordably and effectively.

Senator Little's third term builds on many legislative successes. These include adoption of an initiative that encourages local governments to work cooperatively and share services to save tax dollars; creating a new program to eradicate invasive species which threaten Adirondack streams, rivers and lakes; securing funding to create an Adirondack Community Housing Trust; and passage of the historic Timber Theft Law.

In addition to serving as Chair of the Local Government Committee, Senator Little is a member of the following Senate committees: Agriculture; Crime Victims, Crime and Correction; Education; Environmental Conservation; Health; Housing, Construction and Community Development; Racing, Gaming and Wagering; and, Tourism, Recreation and Sports Development. She also serves on the Senate Medicaid Reform Task Force, the Strategic Planning and Program Committee and is Secretary of the New York State Legislative Sportsperson's Caucus.

Senator Little has earned numerous awards and distinctions during her years of public service, including the Public Service Sector Partnership Award from the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council in 2000, The Community Health Care Association of New York State's 2005 Legislative Leadership Award, the 2005 Legislator of the Year Award by the Families Together in New York State, and the New York State Economic Development Council's 2006 Advance New York Leadership Award.

Senator Little first began public service as a member and later Chair of the Town of Queensbury Recreation Commission. In 1986, she was elected to serve as an At-Large-Supervisor to the Warren County Board of Supervisors for the Town of Queensbury, where she served on various committees, including the Warren County Recycling Advisory Committee which she organized and chaired, and as

County Budget Officer in 1990 and 1991. Born in Glens Falls, New York, Senator Little is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and the College of Saint Rose with a degree in Elementary Education. A former teacher and realtor, she resides in Queensbury. Senator Little is the mother of six children, Elizabeth, David, Robert, Thomas, Carolyn and Luke, and the proud grandmother of ten.