

In the Spotlight

2017 LEGISLATORS OF THE YEAR



**NYS Senator
Robert Ortt**



**NYS Assemblywoman
Aileen Gunther**

NYS Senator Robert Ortt and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther will both be presented with the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State (CP of NYS) Legislator of the Year Award on October 30th at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

The two legislators will be recognized for their leadership and commitment to ensuring that New York State provides the funding and other support necessary to maintain its leadership position in providing support and services for people with disabilities. Ms. Gunther, Chair of the Assembly Mental Health Committee and Mr. Ortt, Chair of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Committee, were instrumental in the campaign to place funding in the next two state budgets for the **#bFair2DirectCare** six-year plan to bring the nearly 100,000 direct support professionals who work with people with disabilities living in New York closer to a living wage.