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## **Chairman David B. Donaldson Talks About Governor David Paterson**

Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson is optimistic that the State of New York is in good hands with new Governor David A. Paterson taking over this week.

Paterson was sworn in as the State's 55<sup>th</sup> Governor on Monday following the resignation of former Governor Eliot Spitzer.

"Ulster County is excited about the direction the State will head in under the leadership of Gov. Paterson," Donaldson said. "He is certainly deserving of the position. He has worked his way up through the system and all indications are that he will do right by upstate New York."

Paterson, 53, rose from the Lieutenant Governor's Office after Spitzer resigned last week. Paterson was elected in 1985 to represent Harlem in the State Senate. He became Senate Minority Leader in 2002. He was elected as the State's first black Lieutenant Governor in 2006 on the Democratic ticket with Spitzer.

Paterson, who is legally blind, received a bachelor's degree in history from Columbia University in 1977 and received his law degree from Hofstra Law School in 1982.