

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

10:11 A.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

In the absence of clergy, let us pause for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Visitors are invited to join the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, Acting Speaker Aubry led visitors and members in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Tuesday, February 14th.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense

with the further reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 14th and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Well, good morning, good morning. I'm going to start the day off with a quote. *If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased.* And this is a quote from Maya Angelou, a popular poet and Civil Rights activist. Amazing author.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, thank you so much. Members on their desk have a main Calendar, and after any introductions and housekeeping we will begin our work by taking up Rules Report -- excuse me, by taking up resolutions on page 3. We will then consent new bills on the Calendar beginning with Calendar Report [sic] 88 on page 4. I will announce any floor -- floor activity as we proceed. Majority members should be aware that there will be a need for a conference once the day's work has concluded on the floor, and as always I will consent with the Minority on their needs as well.

With that as a general outline, if there are any introductions or housekeeping, now would be the appropriate time.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Solages. We do have introductions.

Mr. Magnarelli.

MR. MAGNARELLI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I

rise to request that you warmly welcome to the Assembly the 2022 Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team, your 2022 NCAA National Championship team. Just -- I'm going to digress for just a second, Mr. Chair. This tie that I'm wearing, I wore 20 years ago when Carmelo Anthony and the Men's Basketball Team won its NCAA National Championship. And we have another National Championship team here again today from Syracuse. On December 12th the team defeated the University of Indiana in a thrilling penalty kick shoot-out 7-6 to claim its first national championship and NCAA tournament victory. It is Syracuse Athletics' 80th national championship. Thirty-one team and 49 individual. The team finished with a record of 19-2 and 4. The 19 wins are the most in a single season in program history. Syracuse is also just the fourth-ever ACC program to win its regular season division, conference tournament and NCAA tournament title in a single season.

The Orange are coached by Ian McIntyre, who guided the team to the National Championship in his 13th season, earning his seventh NCAA tournament appearance and second ACC title. In addition, Coach McIntyre was named National College Coach of the Year for the second time in 2022. In addition, goalkeeper -- keeper Russell Shealy was named the 2022 Men's College Cup Defensive Most Outstanding Player, while Nathan Opoku earned Most Outstanding Offensive Player. They were joined on all -- on the All-Tournament Team by Lavonte Johnson, Curt Calov, Christian Curti and Jeorgio Kocovski. All of the Central New York is proud of

their accomplishments.

Again, I respectfully request that you welcome the 2022 NCAA Men's Soccer National Champions to the Assembly -- Assembly and give them the courtesies of the floor. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Magnarelli and Ms. Hunter -- no two larger supporters of Syracuse University that I know here in the Assembly -- we extend to you the privileges of the floor. Gentlemen, congratulations on your marvelous achievement. We know that it's only the beginning of a lifetime of achievement, sports only being the start of this. Life, a much more challenging game. Thank you so very much. Continue your work and remain forever champions. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Maher for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. MAHER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine who also is a leader in our community. Two of them, actually. Faith Moore, who is the Vice President of Operations and Strategy for RUPCO and Executive Director of the Rural Development Advisory Corporation in Walden, is also joined here by her daughter Serra McDowall, who is the Operations Director at Rural Sullivan. More importantly, these two women are part of three generations of strong, beautiful women who have dedicated their lives to ensuring folks have the ability and the

means and the education to stay in their homes. Faith's mother, Alice Dickinson, before her was the Executive Director of RDAC. And what we have are three amazing examples of women who have dedicated their lives and continue to dedicate their lives to helping people in their community. Perhaps more impressive, Serra, because of this knowledge and this amazing example set in her life became a homeowner at the age of 20. These two individuals are the most impressive that I know, and I look forward to seeing so many great things for many years to come.

Thank you, and please extend the privileges of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Maher, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on such amazing success that you've already had, and know that you will continue on that path and continue to be successful here in the State of New York. Thank you so much for being here. You are always welcome.

(Applause)

Mr. Lavine for a introduction.

MR. LAVINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great, great joy to have the opportunity to introduce Jared Goerke. Jared is formerly -- worked -- Jared worked as our Director of Constituent Services in the 13th Assembly District and served with tremendous distinction. And he now continues to serve our

community as a member of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education. Jared is dedicated to serving community. Jared also has a unique love for and appreciation for government, and I'm going to ask you, Mr. Speaker, to please extend to Mr. Goerke all the privileges of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Lavine, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you back, sir. Good to see you. Glad that you are proceeding on a successful path, and know that you will continue that way. You have the privileges of the floor as well as our gratitude that you have returned to share this moment with us. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

We will go to resolutions on page 3. The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 117, Mr. Brown -- K. Brown.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 17, 2023 as Random Acts of Kindness Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 118, Ms. Paulin.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor

Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 22, 2023 as Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 119, Ms. Rosenthal.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 20-26, 2023 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 120, Mr. Blankenbush.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 19-25, 2023 as Grain Bin Safety Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Tague on the resolution.

MR. TAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the resolution. I just want to commend the sponsor, Mr. Blankenbush, on this very important resolution. Over the years many farm workers and farm owners have been killed or seriously injured due to grain bins. And he bringing this out into the public and the training and -- and

safety training that's been done over the years has greatly reduced this problem.

So again, I want to commend Assemblyman Blankenbush and thank everybody for their sponsorship and support on this resolution and hope that everybody will vote in the affirmative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

We will go to page 4, Rules Report No. 88, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00329, Rules Report No. 88, Walker. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the requirement for notaries public and commissioners of deeds relating to certain instruments affecting real property.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00458, Rules Report No. 89, Epstein, Seawright, Simon, Sayegh, Glick, Davila, De Los Santos, Dinowitz, Jackson, L. Rosenthal, Steck. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to providing a deceased tenant's legal representative the option to terminate such tenant's lease upon notice to the landlord.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

First vote of the day, members.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00603, Rules Report No. 90, Braunstein. An act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring notice to members of the Legislature and certain local officials relating to certain construction and other projects affecting such members' and officials' districts; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2022 amending the Administrative Code of the City of New York and the Public Authorities Law relating to requiring notice to members of the Legislature and certain local officials relating to certain construction and other projects affecting such members' and officials' districts, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4013-A and A.355-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Epstein, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced -- on Mr. Braunstein, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk will record the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00633, Rules Report No. 91, Stern. An act to amend the Banking Law, the Executive Law and the Veterans' Services Law, in relation to certain notices and services upon application for a mortgage guaranteed under the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944"; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Stern, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00993, Rules Report No. 92, Fahy. An act to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to decarbonization plans for State-owned fleet vehicles; and to repeal certain provisions of the Executive Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Fahy, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced and the bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00994, Mr. -- Rules Report No. 93, Fahy, Kelles. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to prohibiting the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in apparel and outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02190, Rules Report No. 94, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to providing for the remote conduct of witnessing health care proxies.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02206, Rules Report No. 95, Rivera. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to the Carpet Collection Program; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2022 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to establishing a Carpet Collection Program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5027-C and A.9279-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Rivera, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02891, Rules Report No. 96, Shimsky. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to guidelines for onsite opioid overdose response capacity in nightlife establishments; and to repeal Section 3309-b of such law relating to the Nightlife Opioid Antagonist Program.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Shimsky, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Shimsky on -- to explain her vote.

MS. SHIMSKY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For decades we've seen the devastating impacts of opioid use in our communities. In recent years, the emergence of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50 times stronger than heroin, has made huge profits for the drug cartels at the cost of many, many human lives. Fentanyl can appear not just in heroin, but in recreational drugs like cocaine, methamphetamines and just about any kind of pill, and can show up in

punchbowls at parties. Last year alone in the United States 107,000 people died of drug overdoses, two-thirds of them from fentanyl. Members of all demographic groups have fallen victim, but the most heartbreaking of all are the deaths among our young people taken from us at the dawn of life. This scourge is sparing no demographic group, however. An even newer drug, xylazine, may end up being deadlier yet. To save the most lives possible, we need to reach out to people where they are. One such location is nightlife venues where young people or recreational drugs come into close contact. That is why this Body passed last year the Nightlife Opioid Antagonist Program bill. This chapter amendment puts the responsibility for developing and implementing the program in the hands of the experts at the State's Health Department.

Thank you to the original sponsor, Assemblymember Griffin; all of the cosponsors; past and current Chairs of the Assembly's Health Committee, Gottfried and Paulin; Governor Hochul and her Administration; and to all of you who plan to support this chapter amendment. I urge all of my colleagues not just to support this bill, but to make themselves available as needed to provide the resources and community outreach needed to maximize its success and to look for more ways to educate our young people and protect them from this imminent threat.

Mr. Speaker, I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Shimsky in the affirmative.

Mr. Jensen to explain his vote.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. While I'm happy to vote in the affirmative because while the original legislation was mirrored on a very successful New York City program, not all of our State's nightlife establishments have the same volume or history of the establishments in New York City. What is extremely disappointing about this chapter amendment, however, was the Governor's insistence to strike a component that the Commissioner of Health had to provide the Legislature with a report on the effectiveness of the program. The Assembly and the Senate are a co-equal branch of government with the Governor, and her failure to want to involve us in the process of evaluating effectiveness and efficiency of programs such as this is tremendously disappointing. It shows a disrespect for our institution and I think that's something we should consider when negotiating these amendments with the Governor.

So I will be voting in the affirmative in support of the overall goal, but with disappointment over the provision that was struck from the original statute. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jensen in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Ms. Shimsky, congratulations. Your first bill.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02896, Rules Report No. 97, Alvarez. An act to amend the Energy Law, the Executive Law and the Public Service Law, in relation to critical energy infrastructure security and responsibility; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2022 amending the Energy Law, the Executive Law and the Public Service Law relating to critical energy infrastructure security and responsibility, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5579-A and A.3904-B, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Alvarez to explain his vote.

MR. ALVAREZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we may know, advancing technology has enabled hackers to target critical energy infrastructure and confidential customer information. In 2002 this Chamber provided important protection to that infrastructure data, and now this chapter makes technical amendment to help ensure the State's critical energy infrastructure and confidential customer information is (inaudible) protected.

I proudly vote affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Alvarez in the

affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

And back-to-back. First bill for Mr. Alvarez.

Congratulations, sir.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03770, Rules Report No. 99, Shrestha. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to notification of changes to the model contract with managed care providers under the Medical Assistance Program and requiring the Department to post certain changes on its website.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Shrestha, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 60th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Shrestha to explain her vote.

MS. SHRESTHA: Since the inception of New York's managed care system in 2011 there have been many updates to the

model contract without sufficient notice. These transparency revisions to the managed care model contract will provide critical notice to Medicaid managed care organizations as well as providers.

I'll be voting in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Shrestha in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Three times is a charm. Ms. Shrestha's first vote.

(Applause)

I always tell members, when they pass the first one don't get used to it, it only happens once.

(Laughter)

The Clerk will read. Oh -- for the purposes of an introduction, Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for an introduction today. Today I'm bringing to the People's House and to this Chamber the Shenendehowa Girls and Boys Volleyball teams who are all here today. This is a very big group and it's a really big deal that they're here today. They are the respective champions in their 2022 fall season. They're here today with coaches, Athletic Director Chris Culnan and family members. First, the Girls team made up of Grace Almeida, Katherine Barletta, Madeline Bitter, Sophia Cleney,

Christina De la rocha, Alexa Dochat, Reagan Ennist, Sophia Jacques, Kayla Kean, Sabrina Kinkaid, Kelsey Marin, Emma Paliwodzinski, Megan Rogers, Liana Rizzo, Genevieve Sala, Destiny Snyder, all lead by head coach Lori Kessler and Assistant Coaches Nicole McClure and Madelyn Frutche. They captured the 2022 New York State Class AA Championship for the first time in Plainsmen history on Sunday, November 20th with an impressive triumph over Lancaster High School. What started as a 25 to 23 lead preceded to a sweep, three sets, with 25-17 and 25-18 wins to secure the title. This close squad of girls not only excelled on the volleyball court, but also in the classroom with a collective 93 GPA. And for the Boys team today we have Paul Longo, Ryan Walker, Eric Lerner, Liam Conroy, Alex Bui, Anthony Guetti, Bryce Bonville, Ryan Connors, Bennett Wilson, Luke Mahoney, Collin Heath, Nate Grabowski, Dan Gronau, Bradyn Pomainville, Cade Bernardi, Jake Mahoney, Chris LaRosa, Emmett Peterson, Zane Ives, Evan Devine, Braeden Mochrie, Brendan Shields, along with Coach John Coletta and Assistant Coaches Ross Halpern and Mike Cuttita. The boys had an undefeated season and took home their first State title in school history when they captured the 2022 Division I Championship on Saturday, November 19th against Webster High School at the Albany Capital Center.

Congratulations to both teams, their coaches, families and fans. Hopefully we'll see some of you back here again next year. I wish all the best to those of you who are graduating in June. And let me just say that today I'm wearing the green. My school is always a --

a powerhouse my home school in -- in volleyball, but I'm so happy today to celebrate the Plainsmen and Plainswomen and congratulations to all of you.

Mr. Speaker, could you please extend a warm welcome to this team and offer them -- the two teams and offer them the cordialities of the House. Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Walsh, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome both of these teams here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations, gentlemen and ladies, on your accomplishments. We know that is just the beginning of success for you. You use the academic and athletic talents that you have to pursue and make life better for all of your families and yourselves. Thank you and congratulations.

(Applause)

Hold on one minute. May I ask the gentlemen to sit down for a minute and the ladies stand up? Because we can't see you, so we want to give you your time.

(Applause)

Again, thank you both for being here.

Page 7, Rules Report No. 100, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04014, Rules Report No. 100, Zaccaro. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to excluding certain runaway youths from being able to consent to certain medical, dental, health and hospital services.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Zaccaro, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced and the bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04132, Rules Report No. 101, Paulin. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to protecting the confidentiality of vaccine information; and to repeal provisions of the Public Health Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Paulin, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced and the bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04137, Rules -- Rules Report No. 102, Ardila. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2022 amending the Public Health Law relating to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.8903 and A.9542, in relation to legislative intent.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Ardila, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 180th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Ardila to explain his vote.

MR. ARDILA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Both nationally and here in New York, PACE programs have demonstrated the ability to allow individuals to reside safely in their communities, improve their quality of life and provide support in terms of delivering high satisfaction with their care. These amendments will ensure that PACE programs have a strong framework of how this high quality of care can grow in our State.

I vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ardila in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Ardila also joins the first-time passage day.

Congratulations.

(Applause)

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: So, I would like to recognize Mr. Jacobson for the purposes of an announcement.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jacobson for the purposes of an announcement.

MR. JACOBSON: As I'm sure the Majority has been looking in anticipation of this news, we will have a conference

immediately after following Session in Hearing Room C.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Majority conference immediately following Session.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Mr. Speaker, any resolutions or further housekeeping?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have Resolution -- Resolution No. 121, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 121, Ms. Clark.

Legislative Resolution commemorating the 19th annual Susan B. Anthony Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Clark on the resolution.

MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as we celebrate the birthday of Susan B. Anthony, a beloved -- we will call her a Rochestarian because that's where she spent the majority of her life and really made an impact. Her house still exists, it is a museum that has national status now, and with the help of the Governor and our full delegation it looks like we may be getting some good news about its expansion. She paved the way for the 19th Amendment. She actually wrote it. Unfortunately it was passed about 14 years after her death. But it was her -- her dedication and her tireless effort to fight for the 19th Amendment. You know, there was a lot of push at the time to let the states handle it -- we hear that a lot

now about many women's issues, *Let's let the states handle it* -- and she was ardent and fervent in her desire to make sure that we made this at a national level and that we put it in the Constitution. We can still do it with an Equal Rights Amendment as well, but I just say that because we are -- at this time I am not only a woman in office where we are still fighting to break glass ceilings all the time. I'm also the mother of a daughter who I want to leave the world better to, not worse, and we are continuing to see a decline and just a deterioration in the rights for women and women to make their own decisions.

So today I -- I hope everyone will channel their best Susan B. Anthony, take it from here into the many months ahead of us as we look at this budget and many years ahead of us as we fight for rights to make sure all women in our country, our State, our communities everywhere are treated equally. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution -- oh, Ms. Lunsford on the resolution.

MS. LUNSFORD: Thank you very much. I rise to join my Rochester colleague to celebrate Susan B. Anthony today. It's incredibly important that we continue to honor her legacy. I stand here today as a lawyer, as a legislator, and I know I do so on her shoulders. Monroe County benefits tremendously from the Susan B. Anthony House. I encourage all of you to come by. Both now and hopefully with the future expansion, it is one of the premiere tours and destinations not just of Rochester, but that particular community. The Susan B. Anthony House sits in an economically-depressed

neighborhood and helps bring people into a beautiful historic part of our City. It is an anchor for the Western Gateway of Downtown Rochester. And I know that Susan B. Anthony's legacy lives on, lifting up that community and lifting up women all across the country. This year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of her casting an illegal vote, and it was on the Saturday before the election. In Rochester we successfully brought out thousands of women to vote that day to continue in her legacy. So remember, *Vote*, said the lady with the alligator purse.

To Susan B. Anthony, thank you very much.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Jensen on the resolution.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

On the resolution. I -- I don't want to gild the lily of the wonderful remarks of my Monroe County colleagues, but I think it's important not just today to recognize the work that Susan B. Anthony did, but also remember the -- the work of all women suffragists to help move this effort forward. Last week at my twins' school they had Spirit Week, and on Wednesday it was Superhero Day and my son, being a typical boy, wore a Superman shirt. My daughter wore a suffragist shirt with Susan B. Anthony and fellow suffragists on it. And when she asked why she had to wear that shirt and not, you know, Thor or Spiderman or Batman, we had to explain to her that there are people who've lived in this world who are true heroes, who truly changed the

lives of other people. And the work that Susan B. Anthony did that came to fruition after she was no longer around just shows the impact that one person can have on making our country and our world a better and stronger and more equal place for all people.

So I thank the sponsors of this resolution, I thank the Chamber for moving it forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh on the resolution.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I spent my undergraduate years at the University of Rochester with Mount Hope Cemetery right next door, so that was kind of a strange way to get to know my way around Susan B. Anthony. But we -- we passed her quite often. I -- I just think one of the -- one of the things that I -- I like that our Majority Leader does sometimes is offer quotes, and I thought we would maybe end on a humorous note today. She was repeatedly asked throughout her life why she did not marry. She answered one by saying, *It always happened that the men I wanted were those I could not get, and those who wanted me I wouldn't have.*

(Laughter)

So, we celebrate her today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: I now move that the Assembly

stand --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We -- we have a few other resolutions. We didn't have those (inaudible) which we'll take up with one vote.

On the resolutions, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. And along with this is a recognition of Hip Hop. If anybody knows "Rapper's Delight" you're allowed to say it now.

(Laughter)

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 122 and 123 were unanimously adopted.)

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Well, thank you, colleagues, for a wonderful week of work. And so now I move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Thursday, February 16th, tomorrow being a legislative day and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m., Friday the 27th -- that's a Monday, being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon at 11:01 a.m., the House stood adjourned until Thursday, February 16th, that being a legislative day, and to reconvene on Monday, February 27th at 2:00 p.m., that being a Session day.)