

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024**

**3:05 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

Rabbi Altman will offer a prayer.

RABBI ALTMAN: Next week, Jews worldwide will gather around our seder tables in celebration of Passover and tell the story of the exodus of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Through the unique rituals and foods of the seder we fulfill the essential purpose of the holiday, and each generation we are obligated to see ourselves as if we, personally, went out of Egypt. This experience calls us to greater awareness of the blessings of our freedom, for which we give thanks. Even more, having known the plight of the stranger, our faith demands that we care for the strangers in our world. For the most vulnerable, for those who are not free,



those who are enslaved to poverty, hunger, and homelessness, those who are oppressed by injustice, ignorance and hate. Those who are unable to obtain the health care they need and to act according to their own consciences, those who live in fear under the tyranny of gun violence, the list of plagues in our society is far too long, but we do not give up on the hope that we can eradicate them. We drink cups of wine at the seder for the promises of freedom God made to the Israelites, we set aside an additional cup for the Profit of Elijah. This is the promise of redemption yet to come. The Talmudic Sages taught, if you save a life, you save an entire world. Each act of goodness, each step taken to alleviate suffering, to bring hope, brings us closer to that time when all will be free.

Members of this august Assembly, as you embark upon your deliberations this day, may you see yourselves as if you went free from Egypt. May you carry the most vulnerable with you in a journey towards freedom. May you be guided in your extraordinary efforts for the residents of New York State by justice and compassion, courage and wisdom, to bring us ever closer to that day when all will enjoy the true blessings of freedom, that day envisioned by the Profit Micah when every person shall sit under their grapevine and fig tree with none to make them afraid. May it be so.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Amen.

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 Monday, April 15th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move that we dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Monday, April the 15th, and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, sir. Earlier today, this morning actually, we collectively on a bipartisan basis held a organization here, the Donate New York -- Donate Life for the new State of New York in the Capitol, and they brought a lot of people with them, including some young people who did some fabulous artwork. And the quote today is from one of those pieces of art. This one was done by Ava Perez, she is a 6th grader who attends school here in Albany. Her words for us today, *The best way not to feel helpless is to help someone else*. Again, these words from a 6th grader, sir.

Members have on their desk a main Calendar and a debate list. After any housekeeping and/or introductions, we're going to begin our floor work by taking up resolutions on page 3, then we're going to continue consenting of new bills where we left off yesterday, beginning with Calendar No. 414 through -- on page 33 and we're



going to go right through to Calendar No. 421. Then we're going to take up Calendar No. 112 -- I'm sorry, 142 by Ms. Hunter on debate, and there probably will be a need for additional floor activity, Mr. Speaker, I will announce those things at a proper time. Members should also be aware, however, particularly Majority members, that there is going to be a need for an immediate Conference following our work on the floor today, and we will, as always, consult with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, that's a general outline of where we are today, if you have introductions or housekeeping, now would be a great time, sir. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

For the purposes of a introduction, Ms. Barrett.

MS. BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to introduce my Rabbi, Rabbi Renni Altman, who just delivered today's invocation. I've invited Rabbi Altman here today in partnership with our colleague, Assemblymember Jacobson, in celebration of Vassar Temple's 175th Anniversary. Along with Rabbi Altman is our -- the organizer of the festivities, Sandra Mamis who will stand up, and former president of both the synagogue and the sisterhood who has joined the Rabbi here today.

Rabbi Altman is a spiritual leader of the historic Vassar Temple in the City of Poughkeepsie, which is in Assemblyman Jacobson's district, though, I represent the town of Poughkeepsie.



She's also the Director of the Seth Erlbacher Religious School. Vassar Temple is the oldest, continuously operating Jewish congregation between Albany and New York City. Joining Vassar Temple in -- in 2018, Rabbi Altman has brought a wealth of experience, having served previously as Associate Dean and Director of the Rabbinical Program at Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religions, New York Campus, as well as serving a two dynamic and innovative congregations, Congregation Emanu El of Houston, Texas and Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, New York. And on a personal note, Temple Beth-El of Great Neck was the congregation my own parents belonged to when they were newlyweds, some seven decades ago, dare I say. Rabbi Altman has been affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is the forerunner of the Union for Reform Judaism, Concerned Clergy for Choice, the Women's Rabbinic Network and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Her lifetime passion for Judaism has its roots in youth groups and camp experiences. She is dedicated to the ideals of reformed Judaism, she feels deeply about the important role of the synagogue in Jewish life, and I believe that she and I probably both share the sense of awe in being part of an American synagogue which has served families in our Hudson Valley community for 175 years.

Since its founding in 1848, the Congregation Brethren of Israel, that was its name at the time of its founding, Vassar Temple has dedicated itself to the worship of God in accordance with Jewish faith, and is dedicated to the belief of Tikkun Olam. Vassar



Temple has done this in every way, as you heard from the Rabbi, from feeding the hungry to working with domestic violence victims and supporting those experiencing homelessness. It flourishes as a house of prayer, a house of learning, a house of assembly and a house of justice. It's my privilege to be a member of this very special Jewish family and, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you welcome Rabbi Renni Altman to the New York State Assembly and offer her and Sandra Mamis all the cordialities of the floor as we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Vassar Temple. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Barrett, Mr. Jacobson, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here, Rabbi, to the New York State Assembly, and to your -- your colleague, we extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our thanks for coming and sharing blessings with us before your -- your holiday, but we know most of all that you are here to enjoy our proceedings, hope you have the chance to do that. Thank you so very much. My pleasure.

(Applause)

For the purposes of a introduction, Mr. Magnarelli.

MR. MAGNARELLI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, please allow me to introduce a delegation representing the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. They are visiting Albany today as part of the school's 100th anniversary that will be formally celebrated on October 3rd, 2024. Joining us today from the Maxwell School are David M. Van



Slyke, Dean; Elizabeth Armstrong, Assistant Dean for Advancement; Dan Nelson, Director of Accelerated Learning and Global Engagement; Bethany Walawender, Director of Events and Special Projects; Jennifer Cole, Assistant Director of Development; Cort Ruddy, Director of Communications and Media Relations; Maria Ferrara, Senior Director, Government Relations for Syracuse University.

The Maxwell School is an interdisciplinary school for public service and social sciences. Its 100th anniversary theme is "ever strive," which is reflective of its ambitions to live up to the portion of the Athenian oath inscribed on its walls, "We will transmit this city not only, not less, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us." The school was dedicated on October 3rd, 1924, and was the first program to offer a graduate level professional degree in Public Administration. That program is the oldest, continuously operating university-based Master of Public Administration degree in the United States. Recognized as one of the world's best graduate schools for public affairs, the Maxwell School, formally known as the Training School for Public Service, was founded by New York City's Bureau of Municipal Research, and was later transferred to Syracuse University in 1924. It is named for George Holmes Maxwell, a Syracuse alumnus and Boston patent attorney who in 1924 donated \$500,000 to the University to establish a school which would aim to cull from every source, those principles, facts, and elements which combined make up our rights and duties



and our value and distinctiveness as United States citizens. Since 1995, the Maxwell School has been ranked the top graduate program for public affairs in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*. In 2022, the school ranked number one in public management and leadership, number two in non-profit management and public finance and budgeting, number six in the environmental policy and management department, and has received a myriad of other outstanding rankings. Its alumni include many past and current members of the New York State Legislature and its staff. Maxwell graduates are helping run and improve New York State government every day.

Again, Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize the Maxwell School on its 100th anniversary, and please allow these distinguished guests the privileges of the floor. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Magnarelli, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome this distinguished body from Maxwell School here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on the marvelous institution that you represent. Know that you are always welcome here. Please, we thank you for your work and the work you will do in the future. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Weprin for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. WEPRIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would



like to introduce a constituent of mine, Richard Connelly, the Executive Director of the American Debate League. In 2015, the American Debate League began partnering with schools in my district. Now in 2024, they partner with elementary, middle, and high schools throughout New York City, Long Island, and Westchester. The mission of the American Debate League is to help children become better thinkers, speakers, and leaders. Their core belief is that debate changes lives. On May 18th coming up, they are hosting the New York State Debate Championship in Queens, and I'd like you to show Mr. Connelly your normal, usual introduction to observe the proceedings.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Weprin, the Speaker and all the members, Mr. Connelly, welcome to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. And the excellence of the work that you're doing, we know that young people will be enhanced and improved and better citizens and better human beings by their ability to exchange ideas peacefully. Thank you so very much for the work that you do, know you are always welcome here, sir.

(Applause)

Ms. Cruz for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. CRUZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I am joined by the Workplace Violence Prevention Alliance and I'd like to introduce their members who are here with us today: President of the New York State Emergency Nurses Association, Patrick Byrne;



Executive Director of the American Nurses Association, Jeanine Santelli; and from the American College of Emergency Physicians, Dr. Penelope Lema; Dr. Kurien Mathews, and Dr. Jeffrey Rabrich. And they are joining me today because later, we will be proclaiming April as Workplace Violence Prevention Month. They have been working alongside with our team on passing legislation to better protect our emergency physicians and doctors, and the team that take care of very needy New Yorkers when they go in at their worse into our hospitals, but we also want to make sure that they can be their best and that they can be safe and that we can protect them and we'll be speaking about the resolution later, as well as the bill, but if, Mr. Speaker, you'll join me in welcoming them and giving them the privileges of the floor, and thanking them. These are doctors and nurses from various parts of New York State and we thank them for their work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Cruz, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome these doctors and nurses here to the New York State Assembly, commend you on the work that you are doing. Continue that great work and know that here in this House, you will always be welcome. Thank you so very much, and continue your great work. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Gray for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. GRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the purposes of an introduction. It is with immense pride and honor that



we celebrate an extraordinary team of young athletes, the Hammond Lady Red Devils Basketball Team. This remarkable group has not only achieved this prestigious New York State Championship honor, but they've also done so with this noteworthy distinction of being back-to-back champions, a testament to their unwavering dedication, talent, and teamwork. The Lady Red Devils journey to the pinnacle is built with hard work, perseverance and relentless pursuit. Under the guidance of their dedicated coach, Head Coach Alyssa Crosby, Assistant Coach Patina Dillon, not with us today but John Arquitt, also we have Bookkeeper, Olivia Crosby and Team Manager also not with us, but Raylin Roth (phonetic), and the outstanding athletes of the Hammond Girls Varsity Basketball Team are Shae Rosen -- Rosenbarker, Josephine Hodgdon, Mikayla Jones, Makia Greene, Addison Webster, Raelee Downs, Jocelyn Bush, Isabelle Woodcock, Mia Tulley, Ava Howie, Addison Graveline, and Tournament MVP, Landree Kenyon. Also accompanying them is the Athletic Director, Erik Whitmen -- Whitemore or Whitcombe, excuse me and our bus driver, Cody -- Cody back there? Gotta have Cody. They have won their skills and developed their formidable presence on the court, exemplified the spirit of their sportsmanship. They accomplished -- the accomplishments extend beyond the basketball court, they serve as role models to the peers, inspiring the next generation of athletes with a clear message that with passion and determination any goal is obtainable. As we honor the Hammond Lady Red Devils today, let us recognize not only their athletic achievements, but also the sense of



community and pride they have fostered among their supporters. Their victory is a shared one, bringing together fans, families and the towns of Hammond and Morristown in celebration. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, in your affable and distinguished manner, would you please welcome them and extend them the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Gray, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you Lady Red Devils here to the New York State Assembly, your coaches, your supporters. We commend you for the work that you've done. We know that you have been inspired, like many of us, with the resurgence of women's basketball, both at the college level and now at the WNBA. We know that even though many of us won't make that, I certainly didn't, however, you know, what we do is have the aspirations to look for a better life and to work together in unison to achieve goals. Thank you so very much, continue that great work. Thank you.

(Applause)

For the purposes of an introduction, Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my great pleasure to introduce a couple from Chautauqua County from Jamestown area who have come to visit us, Bob and Linda Walrod. Both Bob and Linda are very active in my church, the First Covenant Church. Bob served as treasurer for many years, Linda has been very active in our youth program and runs our prayer chain which, as all of us can appreciate, is a great asset for anyone. In addition, Bob for



many years before his retirement was responsible for all the supply chain issues that involved one of our major manufacturers, it was originally called Carborundum and then Monofrax. And they make the glass liners for glass industry when they melt other glass, so it's a very highly specialized field. They have come here to visit Albany and to appreciate all the great work we do. If you would please extend the cordialities to Bob and Linda Walrod. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Goodell, Bob and Linda, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor, are welcomed by the Speaker and all the members. We hope you have enjoyed your trip here, and will continue to do so. Thank you for sharing your time with us. Thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Woerner.

MS. WOERNER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the privilege of making an introduction this afternoon. I am pleased to be joined by a constituent of mine, Elijah N'dolo who is a scholar athlete at the Saratoga Springs High School, where he is a senior this year. He will be headed off to college, not quite sure where he wants to go yet, but international relations is his chosen field. So he's here today to see how State government works because perhaps the State level is going to be more interesting than what's happening on an international level.

So Mr. Speaker, if you will provide Mr. N'dolo with a



welcome and the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Woerner, the Speaker and all the members, Elijah, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, congratulate you on reaching that point where you're graduating from high school. I know you're looking for college, maybe you'll talk to the gentleman behind you about that Maxwell School at Syracuse, maybe there's a match to be made there. But in any event, we welcome you here, we hope you enjoy your trip here. We hope that it sparks some interest in public service in you. We would love to see you here sooner or later, maybe later as far as Ms. Woerner's concerned. But we're happy to have you, thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Blumencranz for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. It is my distinct honor to introduce superstar Ava Walia. Ava is Miss Role Model. As part of that role, she has delved head first into advocacy for donation registration and the Donate to Life [sic] organization ever since losing a family member because they couldn't get that donation. She has committed herself to introducing legislation to fighting for the donor registry, and she is also joined by a superstar team, her mother, Ashmeet Walia, her father Kunal Walia and her amazing sister Alana Walia. All of them have done a fantastic job, and she is also the winner of the lovely contest creating a depiction and a picture for the Donate to Life [sic] movement. I wish



you give her all of the cordialities of the floor. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Blumencranz, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, and to your family. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. The Donate to Life [sic] is a special event for all of us here in this Chamber, we spend sometime talking about it. Many of our members have shared in their experiences on this floor. And so you taking up that effort to be a champion for it is very special because we're now assured that the future is bright for those who will send that message out to the rest of the State and this world. Thank you so very much. Ava, keep up the great work and know we are always happy to have you. Thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Solages for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. SOLAGES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce Catherine Coleman Flowers. Many of you know her as a famous author. She wrote the book: *Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret*, and she also did an extensive profile on *60 Minutes* regarding the environmental issues impacting her community dealing with sewage and well waste. And so Catherine is currently the co-chair of the White House Environment Justice Act -- Advisory Council. She is a MacArthur "genius" grant winner for her work on the failing sewage infrastructure and its repercussions on communities. And while this work began in rural Alabama, Ms. Flowers has discovered a disturbing trend that exists all over the



United States. She sits on several boards including the Natural Resource Events Council, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and the American Geophysics Union, and the Climate Reality Project. You know, as we commemorate Earth Day, it's a reminder that the responsibility of our planet is ours, and we have to fight injustice and leave a planet that's better for our future generations, and Ms. Flowers is doing that.

So if you could extend the cordialities of the House to her, we would truly appreciate that.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Solages, the Speaker and all the members, Ms. Flowers, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on quite an accomplished life already. We look for such more growth from you and what you will do to help this world be a better place. Continue that great work, and know you are always welcome here. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

We will go to resolutions on page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2028, Mr. Sayegh.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 17, 2024, as Syrian-American Heritage Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. [sic] Sayegh on



the resolution.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as this Legislative Body presents this resolution recognizing Syrian-American Heritage and Independence Day, which takes place on April 17th, 2024. And this is in conjunction with the 78th Anniversary of Syria's Independence from Ottoman, Turkey. April 17th holds historical significance as Syrian-American Heritage Day commemorating the rich heritage, traditions and achievements of Syrian-Americans, many of whom literally settled and established thriving communities here in New York State. Initial migration began in the 1800s, and many settled in communities predominantly in Lower Manhattan that is still to this day referred to as Little Syria. And of course, many of us that live and -- and shop in Brooklyn, New York recognize, especially on Atlantic Avenue, the influence of Syrian-Americans in business. And Syrian-Americans of course practice Islam, Christianity and Judaism, and honoring Syrian-American heritage underscores the State's commitment to diversity, inclusivity and the celebration of immigrants contributing to the State's prosperity and cultural richness.

And the first wave of course came to New York and today Syrian-Americans are throughout the country. And when I studied, you know the importance of support, I realized that a Syrian who came in the 17th Century, Private Nathan Badeen who immigrated from Syria, fought alongside George Washington for American Independence, and died on May 23rd, 1776, a



month-and-a-half prior to American Independence. And of course, Syrians like all other ethnic groups came to pursue the American Dream. And those of us that understand Middle Eastern cuisine, can give credit to Syria and their culture for delights like baba ganoush and tabbouleh. And Syrian-Americans have placed a high emphasis on education and serve in many respectful fields.

Several famous Syrian-Americans we may not know of, just to give us a little flavor, Apple's late co-founder and CEO Steve Jobs; Paula Abdul, television personality; multi-platinum Grammy and Emmy award winner Jerry Seinfeld, whose mother was of Syrian Jewish descent, and his grandparents migrated -- immigrated from Aleppo, Syria; and Victor George Atiyeh, the 32nd Governor of Oregon. And I've had the pleasure of working closely with the parish priest from my parish in Yonkers, New York, the Virgin Mary Church, Reverend Father Dimitri Darwich and also very close with the Metropolitan Bishop of the -- of the Eastern Orthodox Church of North America, Bishop Sabah. And my son-in-law, of course, one of my son-in-laws to my five daughters, Attorney Paul Juzdan, from a very prominent Syrian-American family in New Jersey. So today it's very special to recognize Syrian independence and Syrian heritage in New York State. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Novakhov.

MR. NOVAKHOV: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the sponsor of this resolution, and I'm happy to be



a cosponsor of this resolution. I have to admit that in my district, there's a large community of Syrian Jews on Ocean Parkway, and everybody knows that this is a Syrian Jewish Synagogue, right. And this is an amazing community and Syrian Jews are amazing people. The sponsor of the resolution just told us about -- about the famous people of the -- who came from -- from Syria from different religions, right, but I want to remind everybody knows Century 21 stores, right, in Manhattan and Brooklyn, so this store was founded by a Syrian Jew from my community from Ocean Parkway from my district. And this is not a paid advertisement, by the way. So I would like to thank the sponsor again, and I would like to thank you from -- from me, from my district and from my community, from the Syrian Jewish community of South Brooklyn. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2029, Ms. Woerner.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 21-27, 2024, as Crime Victims' Rights 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. 2030, Ms. Williams.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 27th, 2024, as Children of the Holocaust Remembrance 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. 2031, Mr. Tague.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 30th, 2024, as Therapy Animal Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Tague on the resolution.

MR. TAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak on this legislative resolution commemorating April 30th, 2024 as Therapy Animal Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Therapy Animal Day. Mr. Speaker, I know many of my colleagues, like me, have pets back at home, and some of my colleagues even travel back and forth to the State Capitol bringing their pets with them. We can all appreciate the value, companionship, loyalty and benefits from having these beloved animals in our lives. This is magnified when the animal is your therapy animal, who you depend on not only for affection and comfort but for healing therapy



and perhaps a wide variety of other essential daily-trained skills. Therapy animals and their handlers can be found helping people of all ages in a variety of settings including hospitals, pediatric care units, schools, libraries, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Mr. Speaker, therapy animals are dedicated to helping people with a wide variety of needs, from therapeutic visitation to animal assisted therapy, animals of all type can help with physical and occupational therapy. Therapy animals also include those specialized in Alzheimer's Disease, mental illness, and those working with wartime veterans transitioning back into civilian life.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution also commemorates the thousands of dedicated handlers who volunteer their time and compassion training animals, caring for them and during visits.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to vote yes and join in showing our appreciation for the therapy animals across our State and their handlers, and the remarkable contribution they have made by improving our State. Let's thank them for their service by making April 30th, 2024 Animal Therapy Day in the State of New York. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and to my colleagues, thank you for your support on this resolution.

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. 2032, Ms. Hunter.



Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as the Month of the Military Child 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. 2033, Ms. Cruz.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Workplace Violence Prevention Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Cruz on the resolution.

MS. CRUZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier I was joined by the Workplace Violence Prevention Alliance in taking this crucial step that we will be taking once we pass this resolution of acknowledging the rise of violence in our workplace, particularly amongst health care workers in emergency medical settings. Nearly half, that's 47 percent of emergency physicians report having been physically assaulted while at work, with 60 percent saying those assaults occurred within the past year. Nearly 8 in 10 also say that patient care is being impacted with 51 percent of those saying that patients also have been physically harmed. Among emergency nurses, 70 percent have been hit or kicked on the job. A survey of 3,500 physicians found that 49 percent of them said that hospitals can do



more by adding security guards, cameras, parking lot security, metal detectors and increase visitor screenings inside of the hospital, especially in the emergency departments. An additional 71 percent of respondents personally witnessed others being assaulted during their shift. And so today, together with the Alliance, we are seeking to create consciousness by designating April as Workplace Violence Prevention Month, and later in the legislative Session, I hope to be passing a bill that will create certain parameters to help protect these physicians and nurses that help keep us healthy. 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.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2034, Mr. Brabenec.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Pet Cruelty Awareness Month 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. 2035, Ms. Wallace.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2, 2024, as Polonia 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. 2036, Mr. Lavine.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 3, 2024, as Press Freedom Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Press Freedom Day.

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. 2037, Ms. Rajkumar.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 5, 2024, as Indian Arrival Day in Guyana, 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.

On consent, page 32, Calender No. 419, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09766, Calendar No. 419, Chandler-Waterman. An act to amend Chapter 192 of the Laws



of 2011, relating to authorizing certain health care professionals licensed to practice in other jurisdictions to practice in this State in connection with an event sanctioned by New York Road Runners, in relation to extending the provisions 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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09768, Calendar No. 420, Raga. An act to amend Chapter 451 of the Laws of 2012 amending the Labor Law relating to permitted deductions from wages, in relation to extending the effectiveness of such provisions.

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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09770, Calendar No.



421, Taylor. An act to amend Chapter 831 of the Laws of 1981, amending the Labor Law relating to fees and expenses in unemployment insurance proceedings, 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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 18, Calendar No. 142, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05073-A, Calendar No. 142, Hunter, Steck, Wallace, Buttenschon, Hawley, Zebrowski, McDonald. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to prohibiting mortgagees from requiring mortgagors of certain real property to purchase flood insurance exceeding certain limits.

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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)



The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, do you have further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We do have some housekeeping, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

On behalf of Mr. Dinowitz, Bill No. A4938, Assembly bill recalled from the Senate. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: An act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed the House. The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is before the House and the amendments are received and adopted.

We do have some fine resolutions, we will take them up with one vote.

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

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 2038-2043 were unanimously approved.)



Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, could you call on Mr. Jacobson for the purpose of an announcement?

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

MR. JACOBSON: Well, good news again for the Majority. We're having conference immediately following Session in Hearing Room C.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Conference, Hearing Room C for the Majority.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we will reconvene tomorrow, Wednesday, April the 17th being a Session day, at 10:30 a.m.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: A.M.?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Ten-thirty a.m., Wednesday, April the 17th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:14 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Wednesday, April 17th at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday being a Session day.)