

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

**3:15 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

Reverend Dr. Darren Morton will offer a prayer.

REVEREND DR. DARREN MORTON: Let us pray. Dear God of us all, we gather today in this Chamber of Your people residing in New York. We gather in this Assembly of leaders who are chosen by You and affirmed by the electorate of New York. We are grateful for the citizenship of this State and being people of faith. Today we invoke Your spirit into this Chamber and we ask therefore Your infinite wisdom to these our leaders, as they deliberate over the matters of our people. We ask -- also ask for Your protection and Your guidance and unity of peace, humanity and injustice. We profess our love for You, as our Creator, and we require that You would impart in us all of Your love that we may have love for one

another. God we acknowledge Your call on these, our leaders, and we ask that You will give them blessings and bestow upon them the divine wisdom and the revelation to be able to make decisions in the best interest of our people. This we pray in thy name, amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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, May the 13th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Monday, May the 13th and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To our colleagues and the multiple guests that we have in the Chambers, today is the unfortunate memorial of the 514 homicides that happened in the great City of Buffalo. So I offer a quote today from Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His words for us: "Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it." Again, these words from

the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues have on their desks a main Calendar and a debate list. After you have done any housekeeping and/or introductions, we will begin our work by taking up Calendar resolutions on page 3. Then we're going to take up the following bills on consent: Calendar No. 172 by Ms. Paulin and Calendar No. 417 by Mr. McDonald. We're going to begin consent after that with bills on our Calendar beginning with Calendar No. 441, that's on page 33. And then we're going to announce, if it's necessary, Mr. Speaker, further floor activity as we proceed. That is, however, a general outline of where we're going today. If you have introductions and housekeeping, now would be a perfect time, sir. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. Certainly, we do have a piece of housekeeping.

On a motion by Ms. Paulin, page 13, Calendar No. 35, Bill No. 3715-A, the amendments are received and adopted.

For the purposes of a introduction, Mr. Pretlow.

MR. PRETLOW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Honorable Reverend Darren M. Morton, minister, educator, youth advocate and community leader. Born and raised in Mount Vernon, New York, educated in the Mount Vernon City School District and a graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Dr. Darren M. Morton is a man of many talents, specifically in social action, urban ministry, college administration, public service and leadership development. Whether in the church, his community, a college campus or a

boardroom, he consistently works to strengthen families and enhance the lives of young people of all races and all nationalities. He is heavily involved in civic and social endeavors, specifically effecting youth and the underprivileged of all ages. As a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Mason, he serves as Deputy Grandmaster of the most worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, Board President of Prince Hall Colonial Park Daycare and Board Member for the Prince Hall Housing Funds. Previously he served as the Grand Treasurer, Executive Director of Prince Hall Colonial Park Daycare and President of the Third Masonic District. Mr. Morton holds a -- sorry, Dr. Morton holds a Doctorate in Education from St. John Fisher College where his dissertation was a topic entitled from Interrogation to Regeneration, examining the role of Black clergy in the 21st Century, leaders in public education platform and is a graduate of Hofstra and St. Johns University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Master's of Education Degrees, respectfully. Also, he's a graduate of Tabernacle Institute of Manhattan Bible Institute and has taken great -- graduate theological courses at St. Johns University and he is also my Pastor from Macedonia Baptist Church in the City of Mount Vernon. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Pretlow, the Speaker and all the members, Doctor, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. Thank you for bringing prayers for us this morning. Hope that you travel safe and God bless. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Zebrowski for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. ZEBROWSKI: Thank you so much, Mr.

Speaker. It is my great privilege today to introduce an important person today who has -- who has joined us. I present to the Chamber Adrian Kubicki who is the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in New York. The Consul General assists Poland, one of the United States allies, with the important friendship and collaboration that exists between our two nations and the great State of New York. I'd like to just read a little bit about Mr. Kubicki. He was born in 1987 in Torun, Poland. He's a diplomat, a sociologist, an expert in public relations and communication. He graduated from the University of Warsaw with a B.A. in Social Sciences and from Collegium Civitas with a Master of Arts in Foreign Relations. For seven years he worked as a journalist in one of the largest radio stations in Poland and he also contributed to major daily newspapers in Poland and also contributed to other websites. In 2014 he joined the communications team at the Polish Airlines where he worked for a number of years before. In -- in August of 2019 he joined the Polish Foreign Service and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he received a consular title and was appointed to a four-year term as Director of the Polish Cultural Institute in New York, part of Poland's diplomatic mission to the U.S. specializing in the field of public diplomacy. In January of 2020, he received the official nomination to become the new Consul General of Poland in New York. He passed his hearing before a

Parliamentary Commission and took over the part -- the post in March of 2020. Personally he's married to his wife Anna and has two daughters. We're thrilled that he joins us today with a contingent of other Polish New Yorkers to celebrate our relationship and the heritage of Poland, but also the heritage of so many Polish New Yorkers that have contributed to our great State. I would appreciate it, Mr. Speaker, if you would welcome him to the Chamber today.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Zebrowski, the Speaker and all the members, Consul General, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. This is the People's House. We prize the relationship between New York State and the United States with the Country of Poland. Please know that you are always welcome here and we will always be pleased when you visit us. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Wallace for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. WALLACE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to introduce a number of Polish Americans who have come here from across New York State to meet with the Polish General Council and celebrate our Polish American heritage here in the State of New York. I'd like to take a moment to introduce those folks and the organizations they represent. On behalf of myself and the 143rd Assembly District, I'd like to introduce Joseph Mikolaj Rej, Jr. who is the President of the General Pulaski Association of the State of New

York. On behalf of Member Zebrowski, from Rockland County I'd like to introduce Pauline Jarney (phonetic) and Arthur Piotrocisz (phonetic) from like I said Rockland County. On behalf of Assemblymember Rivera, Christina [sic] Lukaszewicz Kibler who's also from Western, New York and vice-president of the General Pulaski Association of Western, New York. On behalf of Assemblymember Gallagher, we have Alexandra and Radek Kucharski who are owners of Pierozek, a Michelin-recognized pirogue restaurant in Greenpoint. And for those us of who had the opportunity to partake in the luncheon today, they had some wonderful food that they brought with them today. And on behalf of Assemblymember Buttenschon, we have members of the Rome Polish Home, specifically Terry Pazdur who is the president, Richard Zakala, vice-president and Billy Joe Sykes (phonetic). We also have members of the Utica Polish Community Club, Ela and Maximilian Pawlowski and Paula Shamolski (phonetic). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and please welcome all of them to the Assembly today.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Wallace, the Speaker and all the members that you represent this group, we welcome these proud Polish Americans here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Rumors are that the pierogies were delicious. Everybody came back talking about them. Please know that you're always welcome here and we always appreciate the fact that you've joined us here today and that you've had the opportunity to talk to your Consul

General. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Walker for the purpose of a introduction.

MS. WALKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is with great honor and privilege that I get to introduce some distinguished guests and esteemed members of the Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star. We have with us today of course joining us our most worshipful Grand Master Gregory Robeson Smith, Jr. But with him stands the Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star State of New York Grand Worthy Matron Yvonne Ladson. As we gather here today doing the work in our Capitol, our amazing guests have joined us in their annual advocacy visit where they come together with the shared commitment to service, unity and the betterment of our communities. The Order of the Eastern Star and the Prince Hall Masons embodies the principles of brotherly and sisterly love, relief and truth as I understand it for over 200 years in the State of New York and stands as the third oldest organization in our State. Through their dedication to charitable works, community outreach and the advancement of education, they have profoundly impacted the lives of countless individuals across the State of New York and their unwavering commitment to serving others is a testament to the values of their compassion and selflessness that defines the organization. We understand the importance of advocacy and activism in effecting positive change, whether it be their championing of social justice issues, supporting initiatives for education and youth development or



advocating for the rights and well-being of our fellow citizens we stand together as advocates in progress for equality.

Mr. Speaker, please welcome this -- our esteemed guests to the floor and extend to them all the courtesies of our House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Walker, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome this distinguished groups of Americans, New Yorkers here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. This is the People's House. And your beginning 200 years ago indicates that this House is a part of your house. Thank you. Know that you are always welcome here. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Taylor for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, thank you. I join my colleague in acknowledging this fine body of folks that are here today on Prince Hall Day. It is so exuberant, so exciting and so many of my colleagues, which I didn't know were members of Prince Hall, but more importantly they actually sit -- this particular site sits in my district and I'm proud. And as it was mentioned earlier, this is one of the oldest facilities in the State of New York behind, I think it's two churches; Abyssinian Church and there's another church that slips my mind right now, the AME church, thank you very much, I appreciate that. But again, I stand here today with exuberance and excitement because a lot of stuff just not -- does not happen without the labor and efforts of folks such as these that are in this room. So, Mr. Speaker,

you have already extended the cordialities but I just wanted to lend my voice and we're proud to present them with a proclamation and a resolution here today. So we thank you, thank you, thank you, and the next time we [sic] come, it's going to be so many we're going to have to open up the back doors and bring them in. This is just the beginning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. I would be remorse if I did not at this moment tell you how excited I am to have the members of the brothers and sisters from the Prince Hall affiliated masons and Eastern Stars here in the House. I am a child of Eastern Star. Both my parents were in the Eastern Star, was raised an Eastern Star. My first activities as a young person was our Eastern Star Youth Council, parades, cookouts, you name it. My first mentor in public elected office was an Eastern Star member; Minnie Gillette. And so to have these men and women here in our Chambers with us today brings my heart a lot of joy and I just want to add my voice to yours, Mr. Speaker, and welcome them to the People's House. Thank you.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly, thank you.

Mr. Slater for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. SLATER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm

honored today to have two I would say of the most beloved members of my community here in the State Assembly. I'm joined today by Jim and Patty Rathschmidt. In 2007 their son Luke deployed to the Middle East, and as they like to tell us, they were sending care packages to their son Luke and Luke told them that he was actually giving all those items to his fellow soldiers and that motivated Jim and Patty to start a mission. A mission that led to the founding of United for the Troops which is based in the 94th Assembly District in my home district. And to date, they have collected more than \$3.5 million in donations and they have sent more than 32,000 care packages to soldiers serving overseas. They're here today joined by Mike Cunningham and Irene Pawliczko of the Putnam County Senior -- Office for Senior Resources because they have been recognized today, Mr. Speaker, as the Putnam County Seniors of the Year. And so if you could please extend the privileges of the floor and welcome them to the People's House, I'd greatly appreciate it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Slater, the Speaker and all the members, Jim, Patty, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We're in awe of the work that you've done taking care of those who need to be taken care of and remembered. We hope that you will continue that work and we cannot really -- no way can we express our gratitude for the work that you've done for this State and this country. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Santabarbara for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. SANTABARBARA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today it's an honor to introduce a group of distinguished guests and esteemed military leaders from the Capital Region visiting for our Capital Region Military Day here at the State Capitol. They represent the Unified Military Affairs Council and our local military installations. Their presence emphasizes the significance of our region's military establishments, vital parts of our community that boost our local economies, enrich our communities and safeguard our way of life. Organizations like the Unified Military Affairs Council and the Capital Region Chamber work hard to showcase the importance of military installations in our region ensuring they thrive and prosper. New York is proud to be home to many military veterans and families and many of them live right here in the Capital Region. They're not just residents, they're integral community members who embody service, sacrifice and dedication to duty. Capital Region Military Day is a powerful reminder of the invaluable contributions made by servicemen and women stationed at our local military installations shaping not only our local economy but also global, national, state and regional economies. We had a number of visitors today at a press conference we held earlier today. A number of representatives from military installations across the Capital Region. We have a few of them here today including Thomas O'Connor, Vice President of the Capital Region Chamber and (inaudible) Andrew Merchant, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Albany Recruiting Battalion

Commander and Sergeant First Class Roberta Wells, Second Platoon B Company Recruiting and Retention Battalion New York Army National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, if you would welcome them to the Chamber and extend to them all the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Santabarbara, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, commend you on your service to the State. To the other members who serve in the armed services in this region, please know that we appreciate that and we hope that you will always know you have friends and supporters here in the New York State Assembly. Thank you for being with us.

(Applause)

Mr. Conrad for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. CONRAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the esteemed honor of introducing a good friend of mine Carl Szarek from the Town of Tonawanda. Carl is the Town Councilman for the Town of Tonawanda and Chair of the Youth Parks and Recreation. In that capacity he has ensured the town's programs and facilities are vital to the physical and mental health of our youth and ensure the Town of Tonawanda is a great place to live, work and play. And I think it's important we recognize the hard work in our communities every day by people like Carl that dedicate themselves to public service. He was also kind enough to share some pierogies with us earlier and I want to thank Carl for his consistent demonstration and ask you, Mr. Speaker,

to extend him the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Conrad, the Speaker and all the members, sir, we welcome you here, Carl, to the New York State Assembly. We extend you the privileges of the floor and appreciate the work you've done in taking care of your community. Please continue that great work. We will always be pleased to have you here. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sayegh.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today we continue a tradition that we initiated a few years back in recognizing and honoring World Yoga Day by celebrating Yoga Day in New York on January -- on June 21st, 2024. And today we had the first time ever reception held here in the Capitol with demonstrations of yoga and an understanding of the urgency and the importance of yoga and its recognition here in New York and throughout the world. And we have with us special guests that I'd like to acknowledge. First of all, as you know yoga evolved in India some 5,000 years ago and to have the representative, the Consul of the Consulate -- India Consulate in New York City here the Honorable Shruti Pandey who is a Consul for Political Press Information and Culture for the Indian Consulate to New York, previously served as under Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs and worked at the desk office for India Canada bilateral relations and served on education, homeland security, counterterrorism, culture and summit for democracy with the United

States. And joining her, a dear friend who served in New York and at the United Nations as the Global Chairman and the CEO of World Yoga Community and took a very active role with interfaith dialogue; Guruji Reverend Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan. And joining them, Reverend Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Advisor of the Global Council and NGO (Non-Government Organizations) at the United Nations and the representative of the World Yoga Community, and also venerable Jen Chun who is the Advisor of the Global Council of the World Yoga Community and Spiritual Head of the Chuang Yen Temple and Western Buddhist Association in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, please extend the full cordialities of this Assembly bottle -- Body to our guests.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Sayegh, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here representatives both of yoga and of course the diplomats from the country of India here to the United States and here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you privileges of the floor, hope that you have enjoyed your time and have shared with us the knowledge that you possess and look at what we do here in this country. Thank you again, know that you are always welcome here. Thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Jean-Pierre for the purposes of a introduction join.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce Abigail Daniel who is a seventh grader at the

Robert Frost Middle School in Deer Park. Abigail was the first place winner of the Town of Babylon's Veterans Awareness Week student essay contest in my district in November. Abigail joined us this morning for our Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting and she had the opportunity to meet some of our committee members and was able to recite and share her poem. So we just want to thank, Mr. Speaker, as we in this Chamber a lot of the things that we do is to promote our youth and to see she came here with her parents. She's joined by her dad, Vijay (phonetic) Daniel; she's joined by her mom Gotzi (phonetic) Daniel and her brother who's in 11th grade Jusrun (phonetic) Daniel.

So Mr. Speaker, if you can share and give all the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Jean-Pierre, the Speaker and all the members, Abigail and family, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, commend you on the work that you're doing. Hope that you continue on in your learning and your growth. Know that we are supportive of you and that you make us very proud of you. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Solages for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. SOLAGES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In a few moments we're going to be taking up a resolution to commemorate Fibromyalgia Awareness Week. And so we have members of the



Fibromyalgia Task Force of New York State that does a lot of great work to ensure that we're raising awareness on this often undiagnosed ailment. And so we have Sue Shipe, who is a member of the task force, as well as Dr. Rebecca Monsteller (phonetic) who is a member of the task force and we thank them for the work that we do. And for my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, you know that fibromyalgia patients often have widespread pain throughout their body, they have fatigue, they have sleeping disorders, difficulty digesting, weakness, migraines, and often have many memory impairments and it's often diagnosed and unfortunately the gap between medical research and clinical practice is 17 years. So to all my colleagues, if you are feeling any pain or any ailments please go seek help, but we thank this task force for providing information not only to patients, but mainly to physicians so they can be educated on diagnosing patients.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, if you can extend the cordialities of the House to these fine New Yorkers, we'd appreciate it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Solages, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome this task force here to the New York State Assembly, commend you on the work that you do to let people know and have understanding of this disease. Please continue that work and know that we are appreciative of what you have done so far and look forward to your work in the future. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Ramos.

MR. RAMOS: Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of an introduction. Today I have with me several honored guests and we're very privileged to have them. One of them I think most people here might know who he is. He's an actor best known for his betrayal of Eugene Pontecorvo on the HBO series *The Sopranos* and that is Robert Funaro, please rise. And he is here together with several owners of redemption centers throughout New York State. They're advocating for legislation that will help their industry who has actually saved them from closing. Peter Sindoni has a -- a redemption center in my district, a center which through in the form of the deposits that they give back to people puts over \$3 million into my community every year. We certainly cannot afford to lose such a business. And we will do everything possible to try and help you. He's accompanied by Martin Naro and Adam Rose from Recycled Tech and Jade Eddy from Empire Bottles and Cans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please give them a warm welcome and please extend them all the courtesies of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Ramos, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Sir, we certainly seen you in your acting capacity and now here in your business capacity. We wish you a successful trip here to Albany and so that you may advance the industry that you're a part of. And to all those who have joined you, welcome to the New York State Assembly.

(Applause)

Mr. Cunningham for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. CUNNINGHAM: Thank you so much, Mr.

Speaker, for the opportunity to introduce a familiar face to me. Today in the Chamber is actually my nephew Jace, and many of his classmates from the Manhattan Country School who go to -- who represent many of the districts across the borough of New York. They're here today advocating and talking to lawmakers. Obviously we know that young people are the future and part of what they're doing is a civic engagement by engaging lawmakers about things that matter most to them.

Mr. Speaker, if you would please extend the cordialities of the House to Jace and his classmates.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Cunningham, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome these distinguished and brilliant young students who have come here to Albany to advance their interest and to learn about the legislative process. We hope that you will continue this interest in our society and our government. Please know that you are always welcome here and we will always be happy to see you. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

And Ms. Wallace.

MS. WALLACE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to welcome students from the University of Buffalo Law School Domestic Violence Clinic. We have with us today Andrew Seward

who is a third year, Teresa Cappiello who is a third year law student, John Amote a second year law student, Bryana Becker a second year law student and Madeline Hoestermann a second year law student.

All of these students are here today to join us and to see the great work that we do. Meanwhile, they do some wonderful work in our community helping victims of domestic violence with Orders of Protection, custody issues, divorce applications and so forth.

So, Mr. Speaker, please welcome them to the Assembly and extend them all the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Wallace, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome these law students from Buffalo here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you for the work that you're doing helping those desperately in need of that help. Know that you -- as you pursue your career this is going to become more and more important as the world becomes more and more aware of the problems that we face. Thank you so very much and we're happy to have you. Thank you.

(Applause)

We will go to resolutions on page 3.

Assembly print 2143, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 2143, Rules at the request of Ms. McMahon.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 14, 2024, as Domestic Violence

Awareness and Prevention 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 No. 2165, Rules at the request of Mr. Ra.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 14, 2024, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra on the resolution.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So quickly for my colleagues. IgA Nephropathy is also known as Berger disease is a kidney disease that happens when germs fighting -- when a germ-fighting protein called immunoglobulin A (IgA), that's why they use IgA rather than trying to say that, builds up in the kidneys. It causes a type of swelling that over time can make it harder for the kidneys to filter waste from the blood. People have various levels of symptoms but can develop to the point of kidney failure. I have a friend of mine in the district who's, you know, very involved in our local business community who is a kidney transplant recipient just a couple years ago from his wife who -- who has struggled with this disease. But we're adopting this resolution again as we did last year to raise awareness. The IgA Nephropathy Foundation is actually having a 20th anniversary event this weekend so I thank my colleagues for

their support of this resolution. I'll be providing them with an official copy of it at that event. 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 No. 2166, Rules at the request of Ms. Jackson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 5-11, 2024, as Drinking Water 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 No. 2167, Rules at the request of Ms. Solages.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12-18, 2024, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Week in the State of New York.

(Pause)

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 2168, Rules at the request of Ms. Levenberg.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor

Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Global Employee Health and Fitness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Levenberg on the resolution.

MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this resolution that proclaims May 2024 as Global Employee Health and Fitness Month in the State of New York. And this is an international observance of health and fitness in the workplace with the goal of promoting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle to employers and their employees through worksite health promotion, activities and environments in hopes that one day everyone will be physically active and they will live, work and play in environments which facilitate regular physical activity. In honor of this, I did ask one of my staff members to run, not walk this resolution over to me today so that they could get some physical activity in and I also encourage all of my colleagues to stand up, stretch left, stretch right, take a quick squat and make sure that we all engage and show good physical activity to all of those in the State of New York. 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 No. 2169, Rules at the request of Ms. Lupardo.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor

Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Motorcycle Safety and 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 No. 2170, Rules at the request of Ms. Reyes.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Workers' 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 No. 2171, Rules at the request of Mr. Maher.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Maher on the resolution.

MR. MAHER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as we recognize in New York State May 2024 as Stop the Bleed Month. The National Stop the Bleed Campaign is a call to action. A person can die from blood loss within five minutes and it's never been more important to stop the blood loss as quickly as possible. Trauma



is the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 46, the top cause of preventable death in trauma is bleeding. Twenty percent of people who have died from traumatic injuries could have survived with quick bleeding control. Thirty five percent of pre-hospital deaths are due to blood loss. Eighty percent of victims in a mass casualty event are transported to the hospital by members of the public, folks like you and I. The National Stop the Bleed Campaign increases awareness of the American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed Program and its goal is to connect bleeding control instructors with interested citizens throughout the month of May. I encourage members to join my office in putting together a Stop the Bleed event and happy to help anyone who's interested. 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 No. 2172, Rules at the request of Mr. Sayegh.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 21, 2024, as Yoga Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Sayegh.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Yoga Day New York resolution symbolizes a momentous step forward in recognizing the transformative power of yoga as a holistic practice that promotes physical, mental and spiritual well-being,

enriching the lives of individuals in communities across New York. And the inaugural Yoga Day in New York reception serves as a testament to the growing popularity and importance of yoga in our society highlighting its profound impact on promoting health, wellness and inner peace among people of all ages and backgrounds. And New York State Assembly proudly acknowledges and commends the organizers, advocates and practitioners who have worked hard to promote the benefits of yoga and championing the passage of the Yoga Day in New York resolution. Such as Guruji, His Holiness, the Dileepkumar Thankappan and the World Yoga community. And especially my staff Chandra Sookdeo, Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Ven Kwan Chang (phonetic), and of course today the Honorable Consul to the Indian Consulate Shruti Pandey who are here to join in this momentous event. Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 2173, Rules at the request of Mr. Zebrowski.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2024, as Polish American Heritage Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Zebrowski on the resolution.

MR. ZEBROWSKI: Thanks, Mr. Speaker, just a few

words before we pass this resolution about Polish Americans and Polish heritage. Polish Americans were among the first immigrants in the country with roots tracing back to a 1608 immigration to Virginia. There are currently nine million Polish Americans living in the U.S. and New York City is home to the largest Polish population in the United States. Interestingly enough, Sloan, New York, is comprised of nearly 50 percent Polish residents. Poles have made significant contributions to our country, perhaps most famously Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski, Revolutionary War heroes whose names adorn bridges, statues, and even municipalities here in our great State. But most importantly we have hardworking Polish New Yorkers all across all of our districts. I ask my colleagues to join me in passing this resolution to name October Polish Heritage Month in the State of New York. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lemondes for a introduction.

MR. LEMONDES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity to introduce Dawn Schulz, the founder of our very own Prison City Brewing Company in Auburn, New York, sponsor of the Prison City Fire and Ice Festival featuring hand-carved ice sculptures, drink luges, courtyard games and is literally the coolest bar in town. With her is Courtney Rae Kasper who is the Visitor Experience Manager at the New York State Equal Rights Heritage

Center where she administers the City of Auburn's Historic and Cultural Sites commission. She is the former associate publisher of editorials for the Scotsman Media Group and Editor in Chief of today's *CNY Women Magazine* and is a native of Enterprise, Alabama. Together they promote the City of Auburn's Brave Brews Festival which celebrates women and the craft beverage industry and was inspired by the inclusive message and six year success of the Pink Boots Society and Pink Boots Collaboration Brew Day held at Prison City Brewing each March. This annual ritual hosted by Prison City is now part of an expanded weekend to kick off Women's History Month and create a welcoming environment for fermented alcoholic beverage professionals and consumers. The 2024 event will again feature special guests and the flagship event at the Prison City Fire and Ice Festival previously mentioned. A panel of beer experts and USA Today's ten best editors nominated Brave Brews Festival as one of the Top 20 Readers Choice Beer Festivals in the country. After a month-long public voting period, Brave Brews and Prison City Fire and Ice Festival landed in a top ten spot ranking on the leaderboard as the number five best beer festival in the nation. What an accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, will you please extend a heartfelt welcome to Dawn and Courtney with all the cordialities of the House. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Lemondes, the Speaker and all the members, ladies, we

welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Congratulations on your achievements. You have certainly solved a lot of problems with our parched throats. Continue to do that great work and we thank you very much for your industry and your continued work in this State. Thank you.

(Applause)

Page 19, Calendar No. 172, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06034-B, Calendar No. 172, Paulin, Bichotte Hermelyn, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to expanding the scope of the temporary operator program.

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 31 [sic], Calendar No. 417, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09729, Calendar No. 417, McDonald, Fahy. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to shared pharmacy services.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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. McDonald to explain his vote.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank you and the team and our Higher Ed Chair, Member Fahy and all the colleagues. This bill looks to really try to help address some of the workforce challenges that you hear about in a professional pharmacy. The buying continues to increase and many pharmacies have now started to use shared services where they are out (inaudible) prescriptions filled off site. I want to thank the Education Department and the Office of Professions. They reached out knowing that they want to try to help this because it has an impact on patient care. We work very cooperatively with all the stakeholders in pharmacy to come to a final conclusion on this bill and thanks to the support of my colleagues we will be passing it today and hopefully the Senate will follow in short order. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. McDonald in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 33, Calendar No. 441, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A0699-A, Calendar

441, Dinowitz, Glick, Simon, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to prohibiting the sale of flavored smokeless tobacco within five hundred feet of a public or private elementary secondary school.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01715-A, Calendar No. 442, Goodell. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to designating uniformed court officers in the Town of Busti, County of Chautauqua, as peace officers.

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. A02367-A, Calendar No 443, Paulin, Burdick, González-Rojas, Simon, Jean-Pierre, Woerner Forrest, Sayegh, Kelles, Jacobson, Epstein, Levenberg, Clark, Reyes, Bichotte Hermelyn, Zinerman, Zaccaro, Rozic. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring the advisory council on maternal mortality and morbidity to undertake a review of the cesarean births at hospitals in the state.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03749-A, Calendar No. 444, Maher, E. Brown, Bendett, DeStefano, Lemondes, Brabenec, McDonough. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to granting peace officer status to uniformed court officers in the Town of Montgomery.

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. A04098-A, Calendar No. 445, Cunningham, Shimsky, Otis. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to requiring cellular telephone companies and third-party service providers to conduct a renewable energy feasibility study.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04256, Calendar No. 446, Zebrowski, Glick. An act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to the unlawful use or operation of an unmanned aircraft.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st.

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. A04671, Calendar No. 447, Peoples-Stokes, Cook, Zinerman, Sayegh, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to institution of court actions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05515, Calendar No. 448, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to defining "closed period of eligibility" for purposes of certain supplemental security income and including such time period in the eligibility requirements of such supplemental security income.

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. A05789-A, Calendar No. 449, Woerner, Lupardo, Shimsky, Thiele, Stirpe, Fahy, Hunter,

Jones, Zebrowski, Carroll, Sayegh, Gunther, McDonald, Bendett, Jensen, DeStefano, Manktelow, Norris, Tague, Walsh, Hevesi, Santabarbara, Steck, Lunsford, Kelles, Brabenec, Lemondes. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to availability of ambulance services and advanced life support first response service to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions.

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.)

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05790-B, Calendar No. 450, Paulin, Sayegh, Weprin, Hevesi, Gunther, Zebrowski, Colton. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to quality improvement and increased consumer transparency in assisted living residences.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06563-A, Calendar

No. 451, Clark, Jacobson, Fahy, Epstein, Seawright, Weprin, Shimsky, Lavine, Sillitti, O'Donnell, Sayegh, Simon, Buttenschon, Bichotte Hermelyn, Wallace. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to requiring an education campaign about the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline and the crisis text line.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect July 1st, 2025.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Clark to explain her vote.

MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I rise just to talk about how important this bill is. We've been working on it for a couple years. As we have seen the exploding crisis of mental health needs on our college campuses, and I have to give credit to SUNY and CUNY and all of our independent colleges and universities who are trying desperately to meet the needs of their student population. We know suicide is the second leading cause of death on our college campuses right now and whatever tools we can give to ensure that students are getting the support and help they need is so critically important. After passing this law we will finally -- we will give one more resource which will put both the 9-8-8 suicide and the text crisis line on the back of student ID cards as another resource for our

students to use when they are in need. It is our hope that along with the other resources on campus that people will get the help they need and we can finally see some of those awful numbers go down and we can see mental health supports in place. Thank you so much and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Ms. Clark in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06738-A, Calendar No. 452, Tague. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to permitting certain defendants in a criminal action in Delaware, Otsego, or Schoharie County to appear electronically, with the approval of the court.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A06845, Calendar No.

453, Levenberg, Burdick. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to ensuring that color vision requirements for appointment of police officers are tailored to only eliminate individuals with extreme color vision deficiencies from eligibility.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On a motion by Ms. Levenberg, 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 EACHUS: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you withdraw the vote and lay this bill aside? Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Withdraw the roll call and lay the bill side.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06957-A, Calendar No. 454, Dinowitz. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to requiring car washes to disclose when promotions expire.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 30th day.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A06982, Calendar No. 455, González-Rojas, Hevesi, Darling, Hyndman, Lucas, Levenberg, Septimo, Taylor, Raga, Burdick, Reyes, Bores, Lee. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the maximum age at which a homeless youth can continue to receive shelter services.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07079, Calendar No. 456, Gunther, Dinowitz, McDonald, Sayegh, Hevesi, Reyes, Tapia, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to allowing patients to register in the "donate life registry" through their electronic health records.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On a motion by Mrs. Gunther, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Levenberg to explain her vote.

MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to explain my vote. So thankful to the sponsor of this bill. This is as we've heard so many times on the floor of this Body we know how important organ donation is and anything that we can do in the State to make it easier to boost those who register to be organ donors would be so helpful. We still rank very low across the U.S. in terms of those -- that have registered to be organ donors and making it easier to do so through electronic health records is just one more step in the direction of improving our rates of organ donation and making it easier for people to get organ donations. Somebody most recently on my staff had a parent who was the benefit of an organ donor and we know that this is lifesaving and that when people are registered to donate organs it makes it just that much easier to save lives and extend lives for many, many people. So thank you again and I vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Ms. Levenberg in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07184-A, Calendar No. 457 Paulin, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to making technical, minor and coordinating amendments regarding health care agents and proxies, decisions under the Family

Health Care Decisions Act, and nonhospital orders not to resuscitate.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A07215, Calendar No. 458, McDonald, Raga, Dickens, Williams, Colton, Gunther, Levenberg, Zebrowski, Lupardo, Lucas, Hyndman, Seawright, Simpson, Bendett, J.A. Giglio, Chang, Jensen, Beephan, Tague, DeStefano, Jean-Pierre, Reyes, Santabarbara, Darling, Lunsford, Manktelow, Blumenbranz, Lemondes, K. Brown, Ra, Palmesano, Sayegh, Woerner, Cook, Steck. An act in relation to directing the Commissioner of Health and Commissioner of Office of People with Developmental Disabilities to conduct a study of the delivery of services to individuals with traumatic brain injury.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On a motion by Mr. McDonald, 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 EACHUS: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07471, Calendar No. 459, Kelles, Seawright, Sayegh, Simon, Steck, Paulin, Gallagher, Vanel, Hevesi, Otis, González-Rojas, Epstein, Cruz, Glick, Levenberg, Burdick, Dickens, Shimsky, Lavine, McDonough, Shrestha, Mamdani, Thiele, Zebrowski, Reyes, Hunter, Jean-Pierre, Bichotte Hermelyn, Forrest, Stern, Dinowitz, Carroll, Santabarbara, Gibbs, Simone, Dais, Cunningham, Aubry, Walker, Darling, Bores, DeStefano, Weprin. An act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to individuals engaged in prostitution who are victims of or witnesses to a crime.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07495, Calendar No. 460, Lavine, Hevesi, McDonald, Weprin, Cruz, Alvarez, Epstein, Sayegh, Gunther, Dinowitz, Davila, Levenberg, Darling, Hyndman, Shimsky, Sillitti, Reyes. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to protective orders of justice.

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. A07628-A, Calendar No. 461, Bores, De Los Santos, Seawright, Zinerman, Ardila, González-Rojas, Glick, O'Donnell, Simon, Simone, Chang, Epstein, Levenberg, Lemondes, Colton. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to reporting accidents involving electric scooters and bicycles with electric assist.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 365th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Bores on -- to explain his vote.

MR. BORES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to explain my vote. If I were to ask how many collisions or crashes involve e-bikes or mopeds in New York State or New York City the unfortunate answer is we don't know that answer. And the simple reason is because the standard collision accident report form in New

York State doesn't have a box for e-bike or for moped. And so it requires extensive manual work in order to even just know what's going on in our streets. This bill finally changes that by changing the form and requiring investigations of serious accidents involving e-bikes, because as the U.S. Senator from New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan was fond of saying, you're entitled to your own opinions but not your own facts. I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Bores in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07680, Calendar No. 462, McMahon, Buttenschon, Darling. An act to amend the Family Court Act, in relation to orders of protection in child abuse and neglect proceedings in family court.

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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07939-A, Calendar No. 463, Cunningham. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to requiring telemarketers to provide certain information within the first thirty seconds of a call and requiring telemarketers to disclose certain addresses in written communication to customers.

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. A08410, Calendar No. 464, Sillitti. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to food intolerances.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08834-B, Calendar No. 465, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to prohibiting discrimination against individuals who were prescribed pre-exposure prophylaxis medication for HIV prevention with respect to life, accident, and health insurance coverage.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08860, Calendar No.

466, Eachus. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the Town of New Windsor to impose a hotel and motel tax; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. 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. A08875, Calendar No. 467, Shrestha. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to rates and applicability of certain hotel and motel taxes in Ulster County.

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

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. A08947-B, Calendar No. 468, Reyes, Shrestha, Levenberg, Zinerman, Simone, Ardila, Otis, Forrest, Gibbs, Steck, Hevesi, Gallagher, Carroll, González-Rojas, Mamdani, Burdick, Burgos, Bores, Jacobson, Cruz, Taylor, Darling, Clark, Kim, Colton, Cunningham, Simon, Tapia, Pheffer Amato, Epstein, Raga, Lavine, Shimsky, Jean-Pierre, Kelles, L. Rosenthal, Weprin. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to requiring retail worker employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08982-A, Calendar No. 469, Fall. An act to amend the Navigation Law, in relation to base pilotage tariffs at Sandy Hook, Sands Point and Execution Rocks.

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. A09032-A, Calendar No. 470, Burdick. An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on

certain premises.

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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09138, Calendar No. 471, Otis. An act to amend Chapter 89 of the Laws of 2009 amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the City of Rye, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. 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 we

have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have housekeeping, a piece of housekeeping.

On a motion by Mr. Ramos, page 15, Calendar No. 123, Bill No. A04472, amendments are received and adopted.

We do have a resolution by Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

Resolution No. 2174, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 2174, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

Legislative Resolution commemorating the two-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Tops Friendly Markets in Buffalo, New York, on March 14th, 2024, and honoring the victims, survivors, families, and community at-large in the wake of this devastating tragedy.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes on the resolution.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to have a conversation on this privileged resolution regarding the ten victims who died and the three who were injured on May the 14th of 2022. The very principles of American freedom and the safety and security of every day Americans at home or abroad were challenged by unspeakable atrocities committed on the East Side of Buffalo four blocks from my home in a market that I work for decades to have built there during a sunny afternoon on Saturday, May the 14th at the Tops grocery store located on the



historic Jefferson Avenue. And whereas, this is the second anniversary of this senseless massacre. Buffalo is still conducting an array of events to honor those lives lost. In fact, today as we meet here, the market and the community that helped support the building of a monument will be unveiled in the City of Buffalo. The initiative is sponsored by Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, Buffalo City Council, as well as Buffalo public schools and a local artist Brandon Watson and Brendan Bannon. The initiative calls for the creation of a design of flags that will be hung along Jefferson Avenue corridor and members of the public are invited to attend one of several of these flag opportunities in different places on Jefferson where workshops will be conducted to have people engaged in putting together these flags that will forever honor the lives -- of these lives that were taken in a very, very tragic way.

Hate is a very difficult thing to deal with. By the way, we're not born with it. No child is ever born in this world, anywhere, who understands hate. That is something that's given to them by adults. Sadly in some cases, those adults happen to be their parents. Sadly in some other cases, those adults happen to be people that they respect and honor in schools where they go to school at. And sadly in some cases, they pay too much attention to social media where they literally get gratified into being hateful people who don't even know the people that they go to kill. It doesn't matter to them that these people had lives, families, jobs, were Sunday school

teachers, retired police officers, security guards, drivers, mothers, fathers, cousins, uncles, grandparents, it didn't even matter to them. The only thing that mattered to them was that they were Black. And they were so serious about that level of hate. This evil person walked in completely armored. A ton of people in the community said to me I wish I was there, I would've shot him, but you wouldn't have got him, you wouldn't have killed him because he was armored from head to toe. By the way, you can buy it on the Internet. Who needs that in America? No one. He killed a police officer who's trained. Shot him multiple times and it did not stop him. And the only the thing that stopped him was some of Buffalo's finest who happened to be White. And they were able to do that in a matter of 11 seconds. More people would have died had they not come. And the only reason he didn't shoot them because he knew that Aaron Salter was an officer, a retired officer, he knew that. He knew that he was wearing a vest, he knew that. And the only reason he didn't keep shooting at those other officers is because they were White. How sick is that? Somebody raised that kid. That has to stop. And so from this day, from that day on, these lives will always be honored with the hope that one day there will be no hate. And when that day comes we will all be in a better position. We don't have to worry about going to the movies and getting killed. We won't have to worry about going to a theater and getting shot up. We won't have to worry about going to the supermarket. I believe that day is coming. We're not there yet. We're not even close, Mr. Speaker. We're running campaigns in this country

based on hate, but I still believe that day is coming. And I hope that days like this for we can do resolutions that honor these people's lives would bring us closer to that date when there is no more hate, because nothing will cause a person to do that other than hate, nothing else. People can call it mental health if they want to. Call it what you like but it's hate and it was ingrained and it can be stopped because it's not innate. God does not respect those persons and neither should we be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jacobson on the resolution.

MR. JACOBSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the Majority Leader for bringing this resolution forward so that we as a Body do not forget, because I know that you can't forget every time you drive near that supermarket, every time you -- you run into relatives of the people that were killed. And you're right. It's social media, it's those newspapers and television stations that play on the fears of people, talk about the other. It's about politicians who want to demagogue the differences between us as opposed to speaking about what unites us. It's also about the gun culture in this country and that there are just too many illegal guns, there are too many legal guns getting in the hands of people that shouldn't have the guns, and there's just too many people that want to use guns for any time that they're upset about the world. And so when I -- downstairs when I looked at those photos of the victims, they looked very familiar to me.

There's people that you know and they were everyday people and that I want to say that while Buffalo is unique, what happened in Buffalo was really not unique in so many ways and all the shootings. I mean just last night in Newburgh there's two -- two people in cars shooting at each other and one died and the other is wounded, and there's too much, too much shooting, too much hatred and we have a lot of work to do. So thank you for bringing the resolution and just think we should never forget what happened, and so I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Jackson.

MS. JACKSON: From the Bronx to Buffalo we all felt the pain of knowing that people went into a grocery store just to shop, and they lost their lives and they lost their lives because of the color of their skin. And so when we are talking about Black issues and needing a space, a safe space for Black conversations, I'm always reminded that this just happened in 2022. And we've been fighting this issue of racism, we've been fighting this issue of too many guns on our streets for year after year. June is our Gun Violence Awareness Month and we all can picture in our mind a person was gunned down, but yet and still any time we are fighting for gun legislation to keep guns off our streets, to make it accessible to people who have good mental health, we are met with so much debate, discussion and it just does not make sense. To the families of the people in Buffalo, the Bronx feels your pain. To every Black person that woke up that day and thought that could have been me, I see you,

I hear you and I hope that we never forget and we also continue to uplift and allow for Black spaces. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Glick.

MS. GLICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to commend the Majority Leader for bringing forth a resolution that makes us remember and think about what is the essence of a hate crime. A hate crime is about not just the immediate violence, but it is intended to send a message and terrorize a community. And to leave a residue of pain and grief and fear, that is why we passed hate crime legislation many years ago but it has not prevented, if anything we've seen an explosion of hatred, which is really at its base about insecurity that people feel and need to act out on. And so this punk was someone who didn't just happen to be at that location. He had to drive hundreds of miles to get there. He planned, he analyzed census data to figure out where he could do the most damage to Black people. And I don't even know how you can have that much vitriol in your soul. It's beyond any normal person's comprehension, but that wasn't just -- I mean thank goodness for the police officers who showed up promptly and fewer lives were lost but ten people. I've seen their pictures downstairs. I read their stories. They make your heart break. And yet, it happened over and over and over again in this country in different places for different people and still we are paralyzed. And every time you bring up something about automatic weapons that no one should have as a civilian because we love our police officers and we don't want them outgunned, I would think. There is this cry that

we have the right. So does every other American have the right not to be gunned down. And somewhere that balance has tipped in this country. You look around the world and in most, most countries that are similar to us, there is not this level of gun violence. There -- there -- we have millions and millions and millions of guns. Somebody with a handgun can kill you, yes. But somebody with a more powerful weapon can kill many, many more people in a short period of time. And we did have a ban and we didn't have the same level of violence and we have to go back and do the right thing because any community, any community could find themselves having someone with hatred or some other type of derangement show up in your community and decide hmm, this would be a good thing to do. I don't like X and I'm going to act on that. So I again, my heart goes out to each and every one of the families of the victims, but also to the community of Buffalo that is still reeling from the pain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Rivera.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's certainly a solemn day whenever May 14th will come up most likely for the rest of my life. Being from Buffalo means a lot of things and being from Buffalo means you've seen a lot and heard a lot and witnessed a lot of ups and downs. But two years ago being in Buffalo was a difficult, difficult day. I remember being there arriving on site and seeing a kind of sadness that I never thought I'd ever see in a city

that I found to be so filled with love and with -- just care for one another. What I will say is I just want to extend all my thanks for -- and I know we're not supposed to say other member's names in these moments, but I think you'll give me a reprieve on this one and that is that our Majority Leader is not just a leader in this House and in this building and in this Conference but she's a leader in every definition of the word, and she was there that day immediately talking to families, immediately being present for a community that didn't have answers to a lot of questions of what had happened. And in the days that went after a lot of people tend not to realize is that Tops, we had to close that supermarket when it happened and it remained closed for quite a while. And in a neighborhood and in a community that was already scarce on foods and already dealing with food insecurity, having a closed supermarket for weeks, if not months was difficult. And it was our Majority Leader and the people around her that put together food drives, put together events where we would hand out food to people and the need was just ever more present and she led us in those moments so I want to give her all the respect that she deserves. You know we confront this hate not with violence but with love and with peace and with remembrance and with our work. And we challenge ourselves to be better when we talk about gun laws and we challenge ourselves to be better when we talk about public safety and we challenge ourselves to be better when we're calling out terrorism for what it was in all its forms and that's our stride ahead of us is that we have to just be better for those that aren't with us

anymore and being the leaders that they need us to be. And to the families, I can only assure you that it's not just in this resolution, which was important, but it's going to be in the actions that we do that we will never forget your losses. So thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Dais.

MR. DAIS: Any time we have too memorialize such a moment, a tragedy where peoples' lives were taken is a moment we all reflect and try to figure out how do we make our state, our country, better. But there's no place we -- but there's nothing more important to do then look at the past. 1873, Colfax, Louisiana, 102 Black men and children were killed; 1898, Wilmington, North Carolina, 102 men, women and children Black were killed in a massacre; 1906, Atlanta, 107 were killed; 1919, the Elaine, Arkansas massacre, 217 men, women, children killed; 1923, Rosewood, Florida, 152 Black men, women, children killed; 1968 the Orangeburg Massacre, 210 injured; 1979, the Greensboro Massacre, 510 injured; 2015 the Charleston church, my family's home state of South Carolina. And in 2024 in Buffalo. The one major difference in Buffalo compared to -- in Buffalo and the Charleston church, they arrested the perpetrators in those last two. In all of the other massacres that were mentioned, none were brought to justice. So we have made some strides, but the reality is the hate that has somehow been centered in the middle of us that will allow someone to take someone's life, we have to figure out where does that come from? Where does it manifest? If we do not approach how we can change that thought process, I don't know if



there's any cure or way we can make our country better. It will continue to divide us. The fact that you went to a grocery store, one victim wanted to buy I believe it was a cake or a product that his wife or his family member loved and they only had it at that market. How did that thoughtful gift to his family member end up being the reason why he died? That is just shattering as someone who goes to the grocery store to do shopping for his family, that easily could have been me, that easily could have been you. So it's not right now to harp on gun control or race but what I do understand is how do we continue to have the same problem over and over again over the last decade and we're not coming to a solution. We have been elected to help drive our State forward. It is our job to make our country better and we need to do it together. The pain in the voices has been heard because they serve the people of Buffalo is just a testament to what's happening in other cities across our country. It is our job, it is our responsibility to ensure that we make our State better and I ask us all to do so. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Meeks.

MR. MEEKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for an opportunity to speak on this resolution. I want to commend Madam Majority Leader for this resolution. I remember this like -- like it was yesterday. I was on a lake, Chautauqua Lake this Saturday and I came off the lake on a fishing trip to watch the news and see what had taken place in Buffalo. And I was in the Chautauqua area which was West of Buffalo, New York and I remember calling my wife and I told her

I'll be home sometime tomorrow but there's no way possible I can ride by Buffalo without going to check in on my brothers and sisters in Buffalo after such a tragedy. And when I made it to Buffalo that morning the first thing I thought to do was let's get some donuts, some coffee and some water and just go unseen, and this sticks with me similar to 9/11 because I remember the time and the place and the location where I was at when this happened. And there's something about when these acts of terrorism happen on your homeland. You just don't expect it but it's a harsh reality. And it reminded me of something that Dr. King once said. He said that *darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.* And when I made it to Buffalo that morning you could absolutely -- we know the hatred that took place the day before, but on that Sunday morning there was nothing but love. You had community members, individuals from all walks of life that just came together to love on one another, to encourage one another, to cry with one another. And all too often we have these types of heinous acts that take place and it tends to bring us together for a moment, but we just need to commit to staying together. We know these moments have happened and I'm quite sure they will happen again. But the question is how do we come together as a people from different walks of life and love on one another, not only in that moment, but continuously and encourage one another to be better and to do better. So I rise in support of this resolution and again, I thank the Madam Majority Leader and I also just want to recognize some of the

organizations among many that came together, one was Chiavetta's, a barbecue restaurant in Buffalo that committed and worked with the brothers of Omega Psi Phi in giving out hundreds of dinners to members of that community knowing that the grocery store was closed and there was no opening date in site. And others -- a number of the churches in the community and those who came from outside the community who just had a heart for people to give back and to just express their love in those moments. So thank you. I rise in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, may we rise.

(Whereupon, all members rose in silence)

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Pause)

Amen.

We'll take them up with one vote.

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

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 2174-2181 were unanimously approved).

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we reconvene at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May the 15th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands

adjourned.

(Whereupon at 5:52 p.m., the Assembly stood  
adjourned until Wednesday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday  
being a Session day.)