

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

**2:56 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Sunday, May the 19th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Sunday, May the 19th, and that the same stands approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you so much, sir. To our colleagues that are in the Chamber, as well as the multiple guests that are here, I'd like to start off our day with a quote, and as soon as I put my hand on it I'll share it -- one second.

(Pause)

Since some things on the agenda have changed, I'll move the direction of where the quote comes from as well, so that we can move right along, Mr. Speaker. Colleagues do have on their desk a main Calendar, and we'll be calling for the following committees to meet off the floor: Ways and Means, and Rules. These committees are going to produce an A-Calendar, of which we will take up today. After you have done any introductions or housekeeping, we're going to take up the following bills on consent, Calendar No. 226 by Ms. Hyndman, and Calendar No. 453 by Ms. Levenberg. We will then continue our consent from the main Calendar where we left off last week, we will be beginning with Rules Report No. 56. There probably will be a need for additional floor activity, I will advise at that point; however, we will definitely be taking up the resolutions on our Calendar at the end of today's floor work.

So Mr. Speaker, that's a general outline of where we're going. If you have introductions or housekeeping, now would be a perfect time. Thank you, sir.

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

On a motion by Mr. Dinowitz, page 10, Calendar No. 26, Bill No. A00779-B, the amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Vanel, page 29, Calendar No. 364, Bill No. A00938, amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Paulin, page 32, Calendar No. 409, Bill No. A07467, the amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Mr. McDonald, page 32, Calendar No. 416, Bill No. A09621, amendments are received and adopted.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if you would please call the Ways and Means Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ways and Means, Speaker's Conference Room immediately, please.

For an introduction, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honor and the pleasure of introducing a number of young people that are in our Chambers with us today, perhaps they could all rise at this moment. These young people have been put together and organized and brought here by the League of Women

Voters, it's their annual student shadow day in Albany. They should be standing all over the Chambers, and yes they are, Mr. Speaker, a fine group of young people.

As you know, the League of Women Voters have been doing this for 24 years, and the work that they do with these young people, they're here for four days and surprisingly, but not surprisingly because they get this experience with us today, multiple alumni of the program have started careers in either the Assembly, in the Senate, and/or the Executive offices in our great government. So if you will welcome these fine young people from all over the State of New York representing both the Democratic side of the aisle as well as the Republican side of the aisle. With a broad vision they're looking to learn, and I hope that we have a lot to share with them about all the great and wonderful things we do here in State government, as well as for -- in our -- within our districts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. We hope that all of you have had interesting experiences here today, and we thank the League of Women Voters for continually organizing this. We hope it opens up avenues for all of you not only just to have the basic understanding of how the government works here in Albany, but also maybe some aspirations for you to one day take one of these seats from your

community. Thank you so very much, and we wish you well in your future. Thank you.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Mr. Kim for an introduction.

MR. KIM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today it is an absolute pleasure for me to honor the Overclock Middle School and High School Robotics Team that are led by the KG Computech President Mr. Goy Gium Sang (phonetic) and Coach Kevin Sang (phonetic). There are 25 students who have joined us. They are led by Captain Angela Lee (phonetic), and Vice Captain Bryce Sow (phonetic). The robotics team -- Overclock Robotics Middle School and High School teams represented the State of New York at the Robotic World Competition in Dallas on April 25th. This team won the world divisional finalist award and were divisional runners-up, beating out nearly 100 teams from around the world. They were also awarded the prestigious design award, which recognizes the team with the most organized and professional approach to the engineering and design process. The high school teams also qualified for the world championships of winning the Amaze and Think Award for New York State Championships. As we honor these young, talented students from the robotics team, we're also celebrating the importance of design work in our society. As these young leaders are learning about designing a robot from scratch and working as a team to model, construct, assemble and take risks, they're also exposed to a key lesson

at such young ages, which is life is about designing and redesigning for solutions and outcomes till you get it right. It's not always about getting to perfection on the first try, but always learning from setbacks and failures to learn, grow, and improve. In many ways, our work as policymakers also involves designing solutions. Over the course of 12 years in this Chamber, I've also realized that the best lawmakers are those who are willing to design, reset, redesign solutions until we achieve the policy outcomes you want. I hope the students today can also connect these dots for themselves, and also continue to learn and design solutions for a better society for all. Please extend the privileges of the floor to the students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: On behalf of Mr. Kim, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you today to this Chamber. We extend to you the privileges of the floor and we hope that you will enjoy today's proceedings. We welcome you today. We are excited to see all the work that you've contributed. We hope that all that you've learned you will continue to take that on in the life that you will lead after robotics and we welcome you today. We ask that you will join us here in the future, and we look forward to that day to come. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Palmesano for an introduction.

MR. PALMESANO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I rise for an introduction for a very special young lady, Peyton Mullin, a freshman at Dundee High School. Peyton earlier this

year on January 26th of 2024, won the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Girls Wrestling Invitational State Championship at the SRC Arena and Event Center in Syracuse, New York. Peyton had began her wrestling career at the age of four, and when she entered the State wrestling championship this -- earlier this year, she came in as the 9th seed and ultimately defended the defending State champion from previous year to capture the title. Peyton's first State championship highlights an outstanding wrestling career that already features numerous accomplishments, including 142 total career wins, and an undefeated 14-0 record in the 235-pound weight class. Peyton is also the two-time New York Wrestling Association for Youth State Champion and a Girls (inaudible) Finger Lakes Champion, and in 8th grade she won the Sectional Championship. Also in May of this year, Peyton placed first in the Freestyle Fargo Nationals Qualifiers and will travel to North Dakota in July to participate in the Fargo Jr. National Championships. She also participates in track and field and football. I have a feeling we're going to be seeing her back here in the future. She is also joined -- she's an honor roll student and Peyton is joined here today by her mom, Leslie Mullin; her dad, DJ Mullin; her grandfather, Mike Mullin; and grandmother, Sharon Schuyler.

Mr. Speaker, could you please extend the cordialities and congratulations to this freshman New York State Champion. I think we are going to see more bigger and better things from her in the future. Could you please extend the cordialities and congratulations to

her, to Peyton. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: On behalf of Mr. Palmesano, the Speaker and all the members, Peyton, we welcome you. We congratulate you on all of your accomplishments. We look forward to all that you will do in the future as a freshman in this sport. We welcome your family here today. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. We hope you will enjoy today's proceedings and welcome you once again. Thank you for joining us.

(Applause)

Ms. Shimsky for the purpose of an introduction.

MS. SHIMSKY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to introduce today Stephanie Marquesano, the Founder and President of the Harris Project. Ms. Marquesano turned the grief from the loss of her son from a drug overdose into an organization that has gone out and provided information and increased public awareness about co-occurring disorders, which is a combination of mental health issues combined with substance abuse. Ms. Marquesano's organization has helped foster informational seminars and training to school students, educational institutions, local governments and mental health professionals alike. Her work has saved countless lives, and she's only getting started.

So Mr. Speaker, I would ask you to welcome Ms. Marquesano to the floor, extend to her all the courtesies of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Shimsky and all the members, we welcome you to the



New York State Assembly. We are so gracious to be able to find someone like you that does such an important work. We hope that we can continue to partner with you and all of the work that you do on the awareness that you bring on such an important issue. We extend to you the privileges of the floor today, and we welcome you and we hope to invite you back in the very near future. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Ms. Gunther for the purpose of an introduction.

MRS. GUNTHER: Thank you very much. Today, teens and board members of the Maya Gold Foundation are visiting us. The non-profit based in the Hudson Valley was started in late 2015 after the heartbreaking death of Maya Gold, a 15-year-old sophomore from New Paltz High School who tragically took her life. The organization's mission is to empower youth to accept -- to access their inner wisdom and realize their dreams. All of their discussions and decisions are made with teens at the table. The nature of their work is developing programs addressing the needs of teens with a focus on mental health needs. In addition to work done in the Hudson Valley, they work to reduce human trafficking in Nepal. They share that it is an honor for them to be in the Assembly today. Today with me I have Elise Gold, an old friend of mine, who is the cofounder of this organization; Marni Pasch, also a Board Member; and Mala Hoffman. We also have with us four wonderful girls: Karrington, Audrey, Melanie and Dylan. Can you please offer them all the

cordialities of the House and welcome them to the New York State Assembly.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Gunther, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you today. The youth are our future, and we thank you so much for the work that you do that is so critically important. We wish you all the best in your endeavors. We welcome you today to the floor. We extend to you the privileges of this House and we hope that you will enjoy these proceedings today. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Barclay for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. BARCLAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very honored to have a group from my hometown of Pulaski here. We have the Pulaski Middle and High School Student Government with us today. They're here to obviously learn about state government, and I'm happy to say they're joined by teacher chaperones Jill Truax, Margaret Cacchione, Ken Isgar, and Stephanie Allen. And they've just done a tour of the Capitol and they're able to hear a little bit about state government from many of our members here in the Assembly.

So Mr. Speaker, would you please give them the courtesies of the House and welcome them to Albany. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Member Barclay, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you today to the New York State Assembly. We hope that you've enjoyed your visit. We hope that you've learned all that there

is to learn today, and all the wonders that there is still yet to be seen. We ask and we extend to you the privileges of the floor today. We hope you enjoy today's proceedings. We look forward to welcoming you back in the future, and we thank you for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Gandolfo for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. GANDOLFO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Long Island Delegation and the New York Conference of Italian-American Legislators, it is my honor to introduce some esteemed guests we have up here as we celebrate Italian-American Heritage Day. We have joining us from Long Island members of the Italian-American Action Committee, Bob Fonti who runs that Committee. They do a lot of work advocating for Italian-American issues and making sure that we have good, positive representation in the public sphere. He is joined by Joseph Scelsa (phonetic), Anthony Badano (phonetic), John Rapreste (phonetic) and Anthony Constantinople. And as I mentioned, we are celebrating Italian-American Heritage Day, and as part of that tradition each year, the Italian-American legislators will celebrate and honor distinguished individuals who positively portray Italian-American heritage in our State.

So joined with us today we have the -- we have Johnny Farina, who wrote the hit song, *Sleepwalk*, which was released in 1959 and has been covered by numerous artists ever since. If you heard the song, I'm sure you would recognize it, it's a beautiful piece

of music. Also joining us is Bobby Prevette, renowned composer, performer who has collaborated with world renowned artists and still continues to make beautiful music today. And finally last but not least, a constituent from Sayville, New York, Gregg Giannotti who many of you, if you're a sports fan might know as Gio from the hit morning show, Boomer and Gio. Gio is an upstanding member of our community back home and a great positive example of Italian-American success here in New York. He was first hired by WFAN as an intern in 2005, and he's now co-hosting Boomer and Gio, which is the number one sports talk radio show in New York. He also uses his platform to advocate for positive charitable causes such as cystic fibrosis research and awareness, as well as he's helped raise money locally for the Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum.

So we're honored to have them here today. They are upstanding Italian-American individuals. We have named them our Italian-Americans of the Year, so would you please welcome all of our visitors and extend to them the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Gandolfo, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you today to the New York State Assembly. We thank you for your immense contribution to the Italian-American community and all that you do. We extend to you the privileges of the House and we hope that you would enjoy today's proceedings. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purpose of an introduction.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the purpose and I consider an honor to introduce our former colleague, Mr. DenDekker - where is he? As you know, Mr. Speaker, well, Mr. DenDekker spent an enormous amount of time with us here on the floor as a member, and while doing so, he spent also an enormous amount of time both helping to organize not only Italian-American festivities that happen, but he also worked with the Irish-American festivities. So I do miss him and it's always great when he has an opportunity to come back and visit with us. So if you would please welcome our former colleague, Mr. DenDekker, to our Chambers, and give him obviously the cordialities of the floor which he always has as a member anyway. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you back, Mr. DenDekker to the Chamber. As it is said as always, once a member, always a member. We hope that you have enjoyed your visit back to the State Capitol today. We extend to you the privileges of the floor, and we hope that you will enjoy today's proceedings. Thank you so much for visiting us once again.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purpose of an announcement.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, would you

please call the Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room immediately.

Mr. Goodell for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. It is my great pleasure to introduce some guests from my home community. Of course, I've put all my introductory notes somewhere where I can't find them. With us is the home schooling family who is coming up here, you can see them over to my left. This is the Overbeck Family. They have twins, I think 9-year-old twins, and a 7-year-old - thank you. It's Tim Overbeck, and I'm really under a lot of pressure to introduce Tim because he is a professor at SUNY Fredonia specializing in speech pathology, so I'm trying to be very careful about how I introduce him. He's here with his wife, Mary Eimers and we have Brandon, Sienna, and Cameron. And they drove up last night, they're checking out how we perform here up in the Assembly. They're visiting from Jamestown, and if you would welcome them, that'd be great. I would point out that Tim is a great Phillies fan, which made him an instant success in my office since my chief-of-staff's son is a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies. He's a veteran, and also very active in our community. So if you would welcome on my behalf, Tim Overbeck and his family, Mary Eimers, Brandon, Sienna, and Cameron to our Chambers, I would appreciate it. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: On behalf of Mr. Goodell, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you and your lovely family today to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor, and we hope that you will enjoy today's proceedings and we look forward to welcoming you back in the future. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Ms. Shimsky for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. SHIMSKY: Which one?

(Pause)

I -- I rise to introduce Martin Rutyna. He is the Mayor of the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The village is celebrating its 150th birthday this year. The village under Mayor Rutyna's leadership has worked with residents to plan a year of events to celebrate the vibrant, thriving, and inclusive community that is the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to welcome Mayor Rutyna and extend to him all the courtesies of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: On behalf of Ms. Shimsky, the Speaker and all of the members, we welcome you today to the New York State Assembly. We hope that you have enjoyed our proceedings so far. We extend to you the privileges of the floor, and we hope to welcome you back in the very near future. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Morinello for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. MORINELLO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am privileged to introduce Mr. Steve Broderick to this Body. Steve is the Town of Lewiston Supervisor. But Steve is also a retired deputy sheriff from the Niagara County Sheriff's Department. And at retirement, he chose rather than to fade off into the sunset, rather than golf every day, that he would continue with his service to his community. I would ask that the hospitality of the floor be extended to Mr. Broderick. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: On behalf of Mr. Morinello, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you today to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. We hope that you will enjoy today's proceeding and we look forward to welcoming you back in the future. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Page 24, Calendar No. 226, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05019-A, Calendar No. 226, Hyndman, Gibbs, Gunther, Hunter, Santabarbara, Woerner, Colton, Zinerman, Williams, Simon, Tapia, Bendett, Gallahan, Jackson, Sayegh, Jean-Pierre. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to prohibiting certain financial institutions from charging a fee for periodic paper statements.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.



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

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: 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 35, Calendar No. 453, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Senate No. S06162, Calendar No. 453, Senator May (Levenberg, Burdick--A06845). 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 ZACCARO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: 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. This -- the idea for this bill came to me from -- actually from an intern up in Albany who once dreamed of becoming

a police officer to give back to his community, but discovered that his mild color vision deficiency made him ineligible. With approximately 1 million New Yorkers affected by some form of color vision deficiency, this legislation will open countless opportunities for hopeful individuals to serve their communities. Passing this bill today will be a significant step towards inclusivity and equal opportunity on our State's law enforcement recruitment process. We've received so much support from chiefs of police, from State Troopers, and from ophthalmological associations because there are different levels of color vision and this bill will allow a much more tailored approach to making that determination. And we know that it's harder than ever to recruit our police officers today, so this will also make that process easier. Happy to be able to get this passed the week after National Police Week. And I will be voting in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Levenberg in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 5, Rules Report No. 56, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09466, Rules Report No. 56, Pretlow. An act to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to bonds and notes of the City of Yonkers.

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.)

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. This is a fast vote because it's a local law, but in the past it has received considerable opposition. Last year we had 32 no-votes on floor of the Assembly. And the reason why is because it eliminates the requirement that bond issuances in the City of Yonkers go through a competitive bid process, which is the same process that almost every other municipality goes through. Yonkers was authorized to do a private sale 17 years ago when they had a fiscal crisis. They are no longer in fiscal crisis. The bond rating for the City of Yonkers is currently A+. So once you get an A+ bond rating, maybe it's time that you go back and have an open competitive bid to make sure that anyone who wants to bid on those bonds has a fair and equal opportunity to bid, to make sure that you're getting the best price by getting the best competition, to avoid favoritism and the possibility of corruption. Because this bill is no longer needed, I will be voting against it and I recommend my colleagues do the same. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09522, Rules Report No. 57, Solages. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to automated identification of OTDA assistance program participants.

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. A09533-A, Rules Report No. 58, Solages. An act authorizing the County of Nassau Assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption from the Lighthouse International Christian Gathering.

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. A09549, Rules Report No. 59, Pheffer Amato. An act to amend Chapter 100 of the Laws of 2013, relating to authorizing the reinstatement of prior approved work permits and waiving the requirements of Section 35 and subdivision 2 of Section 36 of the General City Law as such provisions relate to rebuilding and repairing homes devastated by Hurricane Sandy in the City of New York, 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.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker; good afternoon to my colleagues. So I will be supporting this bill which extends for another five years any building permits and waiver of hearings that are related to Superstorm Sandy. As we all know, Superstorm Sandy was in 2012, that was 12 years ago. I don't know who would still be rebuilding their house after that many years, but -- but I will -- I will support this latest extension, but I do kind of hope that this will be the last one. So I'll be in the affirmative, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Walsh in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09550-A, Rules Report No. 60, Pretlow. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to increasing the occupancy tax rate authorized in the City of Yonkers; and to amend Chapter 62 of the Laws of 2015 amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the City of Yonkers, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09839-A, Rules Report No. 61, Sillitti. An act in relation to authorizing the County of Nassau Assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption from St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church Queens, Inc.

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. A10070, Rules Report No. 62, Burdick. An act to amend Chapter 620 of the Laws of 1938 incorporating the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent

Association of Millwood, New York, and providing for its powers and duties, and providing for the payment to such corporation of a share of the foreign fire insurance premium taxes, in relation to the purposes and duties of such association and making certain technical amendments thereto.

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. A10071, Rules Report No. 63, Sillitti. An act to amend the Nassau County Civil Divisions Act, in relation to the name and the funds of the corporation.

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, members have on their desk an A-Calendar and I'd like to now move to advance that A-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion, the A-Calendar is advanced.

Page 3, A-Calendar, Rules Report No. 64, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00718, Rules Report No. 64, Dinowitz, Cook, Benedetto, Colton. An act in relation to directing the division of housing and community renewal to study non-rental fees charged by landlords.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01577-A, Rules Report No. 65, Buttenschon, Darling, Epstein, Cunningham, McDonald, Stern, Gunther, DeStefano, González-Rojas, Sillitti, Burdick. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to the duties of the independent developmental disability ombudsman program.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01745-A, Rules Report No. 66, Dinowitz, Seawright, Otis, Jacobson. An act to amend the Public Service Law in relation to complaint handling procedures by the public service commission.



ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02411, Rules Report No. 67, Jones, Williams, Dickens, Ra, Cook, Burdick. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the classification of historical lands and buildings located within the forest preserve.

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. A05080-A, Rules Report No. 68, Gunther, Santabarbara. An act to require the Commissioner of the Department of Civil Service to prepare a report on certain Civil Service titles.

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. A05853-A, Rules Report No. 69, Weprin, Aubry, Cook, Hyndman, Morinello, Taylor. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to certain persons authorized to visit inmate-patient facilities.

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. A06205-A, Rules Report No. 70, Reyes, Paulin, L. Rosenthal, Santabarbara, Glick, Gibbs, Zinerman, Colton. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to education and outreach programs on the dangers of fatal and non-fatal drowning.

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

Read the last section.

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

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. A06397-A, Rules Report No. 71, Burdick, Levenberg, Sayegh, Seawright, Dickens. An act in relation to establishing the Task Force to promote the employment of people with disabilities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07341-B, Rules Report No. 72, Hevesi. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to allowing for child protective services workers to complete certain required training through distance learning methods.

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.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So this bill will allow some of the hardest-working people, CPS case workers, to fulfill their training requirements virtually as long as they're able to have a question and answer format with the instructor. I think that this is an important bill because it's going to -- well, first of all, I like it

because it looks to me from reading it that it's giving the counties the option of allowing this, so it's -- it's not mandating it, but I think, you know, this is very difficult work. In-person training is -- is usually better, it's usually best, but in the interest of trying to get people trained up and ready to enter the field and do this work, I think that this is a -- this is a good idea to allow for virtual instruction. So I'll be supporting it. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Walsh in the affirmative.

Shh. Ladies and gentlemen, and guests, when a member is speaking, we ask you not to speak. People are not paying attention to that, it's very disrespectful.

Read the last section -- I'm sorry.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08560-A, Rules Report No. 73, Burdick, Sayegh, Seawright, Dickens. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring hospitals to ask patients if they have a disability that requires accomodation under The Americans with Disabilities Act.

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. A08609, Rules Report No. 74, Solages. An act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to certification of class actions in cases involving governmental operations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A9057-B, Rules Report No. 75, Lee, Ardila, Tapia, O'Donnell, Davila, González-Rojas, Levenberg, Burdick, Taylor, Cunningham, Reyes, Bores, L. Rosenthal, Fall. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to mandating acceptance of the New York City identity card as a primary form of identification at all banking organizations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09235-A, Rules Report No. 76, Paulin. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to certificates of qualifications for clinical laboratories and blood banks.

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. A09438, Rules Report No. 77, Paulin, Colton. An act to amend the General Business Law and the Public Health Law, in relation to the definition of medical debt.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09463, Rules Report No. 78, Zebrowski, Burdick, Seawright. An act to amend the Financial Services Law, in relation to the application of certain provisions relating to commercial financing.

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. A09529, Rules Report No. 79, Hevesi, Wallace. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to the appropriate staff/child ratios for family day care homes, group family day care homes, school age day care programs and day care centers.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09553-A, Rules Report No. 80, Seawright, Zinerman. An act establishing the "blue-ribbon commission on the future of New York State's service delivery system for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Act"; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09686, Rules Report No. 81, Weprin, Burdick. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to what mortgage applicants need to know pamphlet on residential mortgages.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09886, Rules Report

No. 82, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to increasing eligibility of admitted persons in general hospitals for immunizations against influenza virus.

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. A09946, Rules Report No. 83, Paulin. An act in relation to refunding penalties accrued on certain real property taxes in the Town of Scarsdale, County of Westchester.

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. A10198, Rules Report No. 84, Committee on Rules (Hevesi). An act to amend the Family Court Act and the Civil Rights Law, in relation to name changes of children.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect April 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. A10206, Rules Report No. 85, Committee on Rules (Sillitti, Burdick). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage scallops.

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. A10207, Rules Report No. 86, Committee on Rules (Burdick). An act to amend Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2000 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to authorizing sweepstakes with respect to subscriptions to "The Conservationist," 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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if we could please turn our attention to our resolutions that are on page 3, we will take them up immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly.

On page 3, regular Calendar No. 2210, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2210, Rules at the request of Mr. Cunningham.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 21, 2024, as St. Lucia Flag 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. 2211, Rules at the request of Mr. K. Brown.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Co-Occurring Disorders Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Brown on the resolution.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today. I am very excited to introduce this resolution proclaiming for the very first time in New York State Co-Occurring Disorder Awareness Month. Co-occurring disorders refer to the coexistence of both a mental health and substance use disorder. The 2022 National Survey On Drug Use and Health show that approximately 21.5 million individuals in the U.S. have co-occurring disorders. The National Institute of Drug Abuse estimates that approximately 50 percent of people with a mental health challenge will develop a substance use issue over the course of their lifetime, and 50 percent of those with substance use issues will develop a mental health challenge. Youth with substance use disorders often have co-occurring mental health conditions, such as depression and anxiety.

Under the current silent system, people with co-occurring disorders are unlikely to receive treatment for more than

one disorder, even though research demonstrates that integrated treatment for multiple diagnoses and conditions produce better outcomes compared with separate treatment for only the mental health challenge or the substance use challenge. Even more frustrating is that often they get no treatment. A report from Case Western University showed that historically people with COD have been excluded from mental health treatment because of their substance use disorders. Likewise, they've been excluded from treatment for their substance use issues because of their mental health symptoms. They are trapped in a lose-lose cycle.

There needs to be increased focus on the needs with people with COD in this State, and break the barriers across the continuum from integrated prevention to integrated treatment - excuse me - for both mental health challenges and substance use issues. Understanding the relationship between mental health and substance use disorders is the first step in creating knowledge and awareness, leading to increase in help seeking and early detection. Then, if we can ensure the opportunity to navigate integrated treatment modalities, we can save lives and improve the outcomes and quality of life for people with co-occurring disorders including reduce the continued substance use, improvement in psychiatric symptoms and functioning, increased chance of successful treatment and recovery for both disorders, improvement of quality of life, reduce medication interactions, increase housing stability and fewer arrests. Additionally, wraparound supports for parents and loved ones build a

framework for engagement and sustainable recovery.

The Federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration, or SAMSA, recommends integrating both the screening and treatment for mental health and substance use disorders, leading to a better quality of life and care of -- sorry, better quality of care and help outcomes for those living with COD by treating the whole person. And SAMSA Tip 42, substance use treatment for persons with co-occurring disorders provides a best practices guide. It's time to end the cycle for failure for these individuals. Co-occurring disorders can be treated with the right approach.

Now, earlier today my colleague from Westchester introduced a warrior and a champion for people with co-occurring disorders, Stephanie Marquesano. Throughout The Harris Project, which she founded after the accidental overdose of her 19-year-old son, Harris, Stephanie has taken her family's pain and turned it into purpose, becoming a leader locally, across New York State and nationally on building a system of care to best meet the needs of those with or at risk of developing COD. Harris was born on April 8th, which is why we chose April as Co-occurring Disorder Awareness Month.

I want to thank you and the Speaker for allowing me to bring this resolution forward, and the cosponsors of this resolution to help raise awareness about CODs so we can create a better system of care for individuals suffering from COD, and create a true, no wrong door approach to mental health challenges and substance use

issues in New York State. Thank you so much, 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. 2212, Rules at the request of Mr. Lemondes.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 19, 2024, as Armenian Heritage Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Mr. Lemondes on the resolution.

MR. LEMONDES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise with the upmost respect and humility to honor this day on behalf of all those killed and displaced by the Greek Pontian Armenian and Assyrian Genocide, commonly and historically referred to as the Armenian Genocide, in recognition of their fate, which ensnared so many, two of whom were my grandparents. Ironically, this is the third time anyone in my family has spoken publically of this since our arrival here. And I do so not to seek pity, but simply for acknowledgement that it occurred.

For the benefit of those who may not know, this genocide was the first state-sponsored mass genocide of modern civilization and served as the blueprint from which the Germans refined the concept to use against the Jews 20 years later. Their participation as a result of the Ottoman German Wartime Alliance,

many German officials, both military, officers and diplomats witnessed firsthand the atrocities committed against these ethnic Christian minorities. Taking place from 1914 and 1922, it was a systematic extermination of an entire population, where the Ottoman Turks directed the killing of over 2 million Anatolian Asia Minor Greeks, Assyrians and Armenians; the actual number is unknown. An equal number were forced to flee their homeland in one of the most condemnable atrocities in the history of the world. These refugees were largely considered state-less and resettled worldwide, and depending on the source consulted, these numbers of those killed and were settled are considered conservative. The Ottoman Regime sought to consolidate its wartime position and to finance the Turkification of Anatolia by confiscating the assets of murdered or deported Armenians, Greeks, and Assyrians. This illegal redistribution of property also provided incentive for large numbers of ordinary people to join in the assault on their neighbors. Last, crimes against humanity must always be condemned, because studies by genocide scholars demonstrate the single best predictor of future genocide is denial of past genocide coupled with impunity for its perpetrator. Genocide deniers are three times more likely to commit genocide again than other governments.

Let us never forget and let us always be vigilant.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: You're welcome.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying

aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2213, Rules at the request of Ms. Sillitti.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 20, 2024, as Italian American Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Ms. Sillitti on the resolution.

MS. SILLITTI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my honor to once again be the sponsor of Italian-American Day in State of New York. On this day, we celebrate Festa de la Repubblica Italiana. And if you saw in the Well today, you can see we are very proud of our heritage, we are very proud of our culture, and we are certainly very proud of our food. We of course are so much more than our food, Mr. Speaker. Last year I talked about our immigrant story, and I think it's also very apt to do so again.

For Italians in America, we all have our own unique page in the story of America. My personal story began when my grandparents came to this country seeking a better life for themselves and, you know, they were faced with the same discrimination that every generation of immigrants has before and has after them. Italian immigrants, like so many new arrivals, were labeled as "others." Anti-Italian stereotypes and sentiment were rampant and used to justify the mistreatment of these new Americans. But, just like the immigrants of today, this country brought them hope. And that hope



pushed them to work hard, to persevere despite the mistreatment and live their American Dream. It's been two generations since my grandparents arrived here from Italy, and now the third generation has been born with my son, William Benedetto - half-Italian, but that's okay - and he -- he will carry their legacy and he will live his own American Dream, only in America.

So Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and the rest of the New York Conference on Italian-American Legislators, I am so proud to offer this resolution proclaiming this day as Italian-American Day in the State of New York. Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: You're welcome.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2214, Rules at the request of Mr. Sayegh.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 25, 2024, as Jordanian-American Heritage Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the 78th Anniversary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Independence.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Mr. Sayegh on the resolution.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Since I came to this Body as a Jordanian-American, a proud Jordanian-American, I've been able and introducing legislation that honors Jordanian-American heritage and independence. Jordan

became an independent state in May 1946, and when we speak about the resolutions about different ethnic groups that come to our great country, we realize it's really the same story. Some of us have origins coming on a boat, or flying into whether it's New York City or Ellis Island, and we realize that to a large extent we come to have the American Dream, you know, we come for opportunity and we come to improve life.

And my -- my community that's very vibrant in the City of Yonkers and throughout the State is no exception. My father came in August of 1955 on the Andrea Doria, a very special ship that left out of Venice and came to Ellis Island, and then worked hard like many immigrants and brought the family here, for me and my brothers, Christmastime, 1957. And today, I got to say, the Jordanian-American community, like we hear about the Italian and later the Haitians and all the ethnic groups, they come to work hard to become part of the American fabric, and to really expand the awareness of what their history and culture and contributions to civilization. Jordan, as you know, is lead by his Majesty King Hussein and Queen Rania, and I've got to say, their work on the international and regional scene to really promote stability whether in the Middle East or issues involved in humanitarianism all across the world is commendable.

So today, I'm proud as a Jordanian to issue this resolution again, and to really thank all our colleagues for recognizing the rich fabric of our State and of our nation. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: You're welcome.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2215, Rules at the request of Mr. Ra.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 20, 2024, as Transatlantic Flight Day in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2216, Rules at the request of Ms. Bichotte Hermelyn.

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

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Ms. Bichotte Hermelyn on the resolution.

MS. BICHOTTE HERMELYN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak on this vital resolution that establishes the Month of May as Haitian Heritage Month in New York State. May is a nationally recognized annual celebration in recognition of the Haitian people and their immeasurable impact and achievements. Haitian Heritage Month is an expansion of the Annual Haitian Flag Day which we celebrated this Saturday on May 18th.

Haitian Heritage Month commemorates the heart and soul of the people in Haiti and New York, the nation and our home country, the Island of Haiti. The designation of Haitian Heritage Month commemorates New York is a symbol of freedom to people worldwide, and where Haiti was the first black nation in the Western Hemisphere, and thus helped many nations gain their sovereignty including the United States of America. We are celebrating 220 years of independence, freedom, rich culture, history, and resilience. We celebrate our heroes like Toussaint Louverture and Jean-Jacques Dessalines, Henri Christophe and Boukman, and we celebrate our heroes, Marie-Jeanne Lamartinière who fought as a soldier in the indigenous army, and Catherine Flon, who like Betsy Ross is credited with crafting the Independent Black Republic of the Haitian Flag of 1803, and also served as a nurse.

We celebrate the Haitian soldiers who fought alongside union in the Battle of Savannah, helping seize the beacon of liberty that America promised, and we helped create it, including expanding the U.S. Territory with the Louisiana Purchase. Our first settler and the founder of Chicago was a Haitian man, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable. We are faithful that we are further recognizing Haiti and its historical contributions, along with its current challenges. Haitian-Americans -- immigrants have come to the United States, bringing their own influences and cultural traditions to many significant spheres, including the arts, business, sports, literature, science and law. We celebrate our food, like rice and beans, (speaking foreign

language) griot, which is fried pork, (speaking foreign language) of which we drink every year in commemoration of our Haitian independence. Haitian Creole is one of the top languages spoken in New York City, and New York City has the largest concentration of Haitians in the United States, as well as the oldest established Haitian communities of the country.

I am proud to be a resident of Little Haiti, Brooklyn, which we recently welcomed a train station rededication that is now named, Little Haiti Newkirk Avenue. The surrounding streets of Little Haiti are named after our black revolutionaries. We celebrate -- we also celebrate having five State Assembly members who are of Haitian descent here in the People's House. I join the intensifying global calls for a unified effort to assist Haiti and its people in overcoming crisis. I also reaffirm that the need to safely and humanly allow migrants to seek refuge here. For years, Haiti has suffered for being bankrupt by the French, natural disasters, and recent government instability leaving about 5.5 million Haitians in desperate need of humanitarian assistance, and 1 million on the brink of famine.

Although this not has been easy time for Haitians, we are resilient. Haitian Independence Day serve as a beacon of inspiration and a reminder of our collective ability to overcome immense adversity. (Speaking foreign language). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as we continue to recognize Haiti, the Haitian people, our ancestors, our culture, our history, our heritage, and the future. May is Haitian Heritage Month. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: You're welcome.

Ms. Darling on the resolution.

MS. DARLING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During Haitian Heritage Month in New York State, I proudly celebrate the vibrant culture and tremendous contributions of the Haitian community. As someone married to a Haitian man and blessed with a Haitian son, this month holds even more significance for me. As we honor the heritage and embrace the richness of Haitian culture together this month, I implore the State of New York to pray for and find sustainable ways to support Haiti as it experiences massive unrest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: You're welcome.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2217, Rules at the request of Ms. Solages.

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

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 2218, Rules at the request of Mr. Durso.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor

Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 16-20, 2024, as Truck Driver Appreciation Week in the State of New York.

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: We have no housekeeping, but we have many fine resolutions which we will take 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. 2219-2224 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we reconvene at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May the 21st, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion, the Assembly is hereby standing adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:59 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Tuesday, May 21st at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday being a Session day.)