TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 11:10 A.M.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will come to order.

Good morning, colleagues and guests.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of January 12th, 2026.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move

to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Monday, January the 12th, and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you so much. To colleagues and the guests that are in the Chambers, I want to begin today with a quote, as we usually do.

This one is coming from Maya Angelou; she's a very well-known American essayist, poet and civil rights activist. Her words for us today: *Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the presence in -- inaccessible*.

Again, these words from Maya Angelou.

Members have on their desk a main Calendar and before any housekeeping and/or introductions, we're going to begin calling the following committees today: Energy, Real Property, Taxation, Codes, Ways and Means and Rules. These committees are going to produce an A-Calendar, at which we may take up today.

We're going to begin our floor work today with consenting the main Calendar, beginning with Rules Report No. 1. It's on page 4.

I will announce additional floor activity as we proceed. However, Madam Speaker, that's a general outline of where we're going today. Let us begin by calling that Energy Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Energy Committee members to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please meet Chair Barrett. Speaker's Conference Room. If we could move quietly please, thank you.

(Pause)

We do have a piece of housekeeping.

On a motion by Ms. González-Rojas, page 11, Calendar No. 27, Bill No. A00697, the amendments are received and adopted.

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

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings for the purpose of -- of an introduction. We are delighted to have in the Chambers with us today in -- upstairs in the balcony, UAW Region 9.

(Applause)

If you gentlemen could stand. Would you like to have them here with us, Madam Speaker? So, if you could please welcome them to our Chambers and offer them the cordialities in your great tone in which you do it, ma'am. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes, of course. Thank you. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all members, we welcome the brothers and sisters of UAW Region 9 to the Speaker's House and extend the privileges of the floor to you. We hope you enjoy the proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Colton for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. COLTON: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is with great honor and reverence that I introduce Prof. Dr Muhammad Ilyas, Grand Imam of the National Mosque of Pakistan who is visiting Iqra Masjid (phonetic) from my neighborhood. He is a luminary of Islamic scholarship and a (indiscernible) advocate of interfaith harmony. His vision, expertise and passion for positive change render him an ideal catalyst for initiatives that can uplift humanity and force their coexistence. As Grand Imam and General Director of the National Mosque of Pakistan, Prof. Dr Ilyas has demonstrated exemply [sic] leadership in promoting peace, tolerance and coexistence. His impactful sermons and prayers have guided hundreds of thousands, providing spiritual solace and promoting balanced understanding of religious [sic] to countless individuals.

A globally-recognized scholar, Dr. Ilyas has conveyed the message of universal ethics and peace to international platforms, fostering dialogue and understanding among diverse communities. His advocacy for peaceful coexistence and mutual respect has earned him esteemed recognition. With his remarkable track record and influential positions, Prof. Dr. Ilyas is poised to spearhead initiatives, driving meaningful progress and interfaith rapprochement in Pakistan and around the world.

I am privileged to recognize Prof. Dr. Ilyas to the New York State Assembly, symbolizing the strength of cultural

exchange and interfaith understanding.

Also accompanying -- accompanying Dr. Ilyas is Raffat Haider and his friends, Mohammed Ahmed Al-Jaradi and Marie Mirville-Shahzada. Raffat Haider represents an organization, Yalyia (phonetic) Maonah of New York, which is a organization which has spearheaded initiatives to provide resources and support to the Yiddish-American community.

Please join me in extending a sincere welcome to these distinguished guests.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes, of course. On behalf of Mr. Colton, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, Grand Imam Prof. Dr. Ilyas to our Chamber. We thank you for your practice and dialog relating to peace, tolerance and coexistence. And also welcome the distinguished members of the community for Mr. Colton. We welcome you to this Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Ms. Buttenschon for the purpose of an introduction.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have the honor to introduce the Mayor of the City of Utica where I represent, Mayor Michael Galime. He is starting his third year as Mayor and served eight years as the Council President. A homegrown resident who after a career in tech that spanded [sic] over decades, has chosen to lead the City of Utica. His mindset is fiscal responsibility

and intentions directed to that of infrastructure, as well as our park systems to ensure a quality of life for all those within the City of Utica.

The Mayor enjoys his time with his wife and his two children and clearly will be tied to the City of the Utica where he was born and continues to live throughout his career. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms. Buttenschon, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, Mr. Mayor, to the People's House to our Assembly Chamber, extending to you the privileges of the floor. We do hope you enjoy our proceedings today. I pass through Utica to get to Syracuse, so welcome neighbor. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Ms. Seawright for the purpose of an introduction.

MS. SEAWRIGHT: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm very honored today to welcome a dear friend and Vice-Chair of the City University New York Board of Trustees, Sandra Wilkin. She is -- was reappointed by Governor Kathy Hochul and made history as the first woman to graduate from both a CUNY community college and a CUNY senior college to serve in her role of Vice-Chair. A proud CUNY alumni, she is the Founder and CEO of Bradford Construction, one of New York's premiere women-owned businesses and a nationally-respected advocate for minority-and-women-owned business.

As a cofounder of the Women's Business Council and

the leader behind the landmark MWBE State and Federal Legislation, she has spent her career breaking barriers and expanding opportunity. Her leadership strengthens the City University of New York and our great City of New York. I ask that you please welcome her to the Chamber today.

And I have one more introduction and that is my spouse of 32 years, Jay Hershenson. Our Sergeant-at-Arms informed me he's known Jay longer than I have. So, he is a Senior Vice-President of Queens College and Chair of the Board of the Louis Armstrong Museum and Cultural Center, which recently opened a $30 million complex and was awarded CIG status by the City of New York. I ask that you please welcome them to the Chamber today. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you. On behalf of Ms. Seawright, the Speaker and all members, welcome to our distinguished guests, our CUNY Vice-Chancellor, Sandra Wilkin and of course our special spouse. We always like to see our spouses. Thank you so very much for being here today. We extend the privileges of the floor to you and hope you do enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Bores for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. BORES: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to introduce three distinguished members of the 73rd Assembly District: Patti Kenner, new City Council Member Virginia Maloney

and Congress Member Carolyn Maloney. I am honored to represent all three of these incredible women. Patti Kenner started her career as a teacher before dedicating her career to ensuring people can move all throughout the State and the country. She is an advocate for so many social causes throughout the City, throughout the country; recently inducted into the Manhattan Jewish Historical Hall of Fame and many others. And is also just one of the most welcoming people in New York City. So I am honored to represent Patti Kenner.

Council Member Virginia Maloney has just started her term serving in the City Council. She's had a long career of making sure that tech serves the greater good, whether that was helping to roll out free Wi-Fi in New York City, or service that she did in Africa to restore connectivity there. She has been an incredible partner already and I can't wait to continue to work with her on the East Side of Manhattan.

And of course, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, the representative I've known for almost my entire life who set the standard and the example that I aspire to in terms of serving your community. She was -- this is nonpolitical, it's a 501(c)(3), she was rated by the Center for effective lawmaking as the most effective Congress Member from New York and second-most effective in the country. Her constituent service, her legislative record has no comparison, and since she left Congress, she somehow found even more ways to serve and be more effective. An inspiration, to us all, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney. Would you please welcome these

guests and extend to them all the cordialities of the floor?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Bores, the Speaker and all members, we welcome our distinguished guests. A Congresswoman, always wonderful to see you and Council Member, congratulations to you. And Ms. Kenner, we welcome you to our Assembly Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Berger for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. BERGER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to introduce former Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal --

(Applause)

-- a colleague, my predecessor, a mentor and a friend. I'm here today in Albany because Dan saw something in me when most others didn't. And so, to that I just have to say, it's his fault.

(Laughter)

So I ask kindly if we could please extend the privileges of the House to him. As we say, once a member, always a member.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Absolutely. On behalf of Mr. Berger, the Speaker and all members, welcome back to the Assembly Chamber, Mr. Rosenthal. Of course, you have the privileges of the floor, because once a member, always a member. So good to see you. Thank you for joining us today.

(Applause)

(Pause)

On consent, page 4, Rules Report No. 1, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09434, Rules Report No. 1, Kassay. An act to amend a Chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Civil Service Law relating to requiring the Department of Civil Service to allowing municipalities to post municipal employment positions on the Department of Civil Service's State Jobs website, as proposed in Legislative Bills Numbers S07237-A and A08023-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, we will call the Real Property and Tax Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes, thank you.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: And can I say to my colleagues, you've known the new mayor for a long time. But, you also know what the protocol is in our Chambers. Allow him to be introduced. He will move around. He's not going to leave without

speaking to everybody that he knows, because I know him. That's what he's going to do. Everybody will get their chance to personally congratulate him. So please, can we retain decorum to our floor, right away. Right away. Cameraman and all. Please, thank you. Thank you so much. Mr. Mayor, we're not letting you out of here until you talk to everybody. Period. Okay.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Real Property Tax Committee members to the Speaker's Conference Room. Real Property Tax to the Speaker's Conference Room.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

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

Quiet in the Chamber, please.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, it is my honor and my pleasure to introduce a gentleman who we all know, you can by the way tell how everybody flooded towards him. He is the newly-elected mayor of the greatest city in America; second only to Buffalo.

(Laughter)

We all know his name, we know his character, we know the work he'll put in to get the job done, and we look forward to working with him well into the future. Would you please welcome the new mayor to our Chambers and offer him the cordialities of the

Floor? By the way, once a member, always a member. Member Zohran.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you, Mr. Mayor, back to the Assembly Chamber. We welcome you with open arms back to our Chamber. We wish you the best of luck in your new role and endeavor, extending to you the privileges, you had them, you will always have them and welcome back to the People's House. Hope you enjoying the proceedings today. Thank you very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

(Pause)

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if we can continue our work on our Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: We'll ask those who are greeting the new mayor to do so very quietly and in order.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On consent, page 4, Report No. 2, the Clerk read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09435, Rules Report No. 2, Magnarelli. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to requiring utility pole owners and attachers to submit an annual report on pole attachments; and to repeal certain provisions of the General Municipal Law relating to requirements for right-of-way permits.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09436, Rules Report No. 3, Simon. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to alternatives for the use of pesticides in the Monarch Preservation Plan.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if you could please call the Codes Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room --

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Codes Committee --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: -- immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: -- to the Speaker's Conference Room. Codes Committee members quietly make your way to the Speaker's Conference Room.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09437, Rules Report No. 4, Glick. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to the Department of Environmental Conservation's regulation of crabs; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025, amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to extending certain provisions relating to the Department of Environmental Conservation's regulation of crabs, and to prohibiting the taking of horseshoe crabs for commercial and biomedical purposes, as proposed in Legislative Bills numbers S04289 and A04997, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

On a motion by Ms. Glick, the Senate bill is before the House, the Senate bill is advanced. This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09450, Rules Report No. 5, Pheffer Amato. An act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Civil Service Law relating to requiring appointing

authorities to provide appointment and promotion letters, as proposed in Legislative Bills numbers S05760 and A06624, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09451, Rules Report No. 6, McDonald. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to providing a rebuttable presumption relating to recertification as a minority and women-owned business enterprise.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So this chapter amendment, which I'll be supporting

today, makes very minor changes in the original bill. And what that bill really was designed to do was to make the recertification process for MWBEs go a little bit smoother. What we've been hearing from some MWBE businesses is that after they go through all the hoops that they have to jump through to get certified, when the time came up to be recertified, they were -- they were just being put through it all over again and it was really creating delays within the system. It was honestly insulting to many of the businesses that had gone through all of this work to prove that they were entitled to be so designated. So this -- what this bill is trying to do is just to streamline the process so that we can encourage more MWBEs to apply and to be recertified, because we do know that we have very ambitious participation goals for MWBEs in the State of New York.

So I'm happy to support this chapter amendment and I'm very grateful for Assembly Member McDonald's assistance in seeing that the bill-in-chief was passed last year. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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. A09455, Rules Report No. 7, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to requiring that the annual report from the Division of

Minority and Women's Business Development contain information on the annual Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise utilization and expenditure categorized by minority-owned enterprises, women-owned enterprises, and total utilization and expenditure, and be organized by certain industry categories

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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: Madam Speaker, Codes has completed their work, so if you could please call the Ways and Means Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ways and Means Committee members to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please meet Chair Pretlow in the Speaker's Conference Room. Ways and Means Committee.

On consent, page 5, Rules Report No. 8, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09462, Rules Report

No. 8, Simon. An act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Public Service Law relating to the provision of gas service to new customers, as proposed in Legislative Bills numbers S08417 and A08888, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09467, Rules Report No. 9, Cruz. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting unfair residential real estate service agreements.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09475, Rules Report No. 10, Dinowitz. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the definition of the term employer and to the requesting or use for employment purposes of the consumer credit history of an applicant for employment or employee by an employer, labor organization, employment agency or any agent thereof; and to repeal

certain provisions of a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the General Business Law relating to prohibiting the disclosure or use of a person's consumer credit history to an employer, labor organization, employment agency or agent thereof for purposes of employment decisions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09476, Rules Report No. 11, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to expanding the Veterans Tuition Awards Program to allow the transfer of unused benefits to an eligible immediate family member; to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Education Law relating to expanding the Veterans Tuition Awards Program to allow the transfer of unused benefits to a spouse, survivor or child, as proposed in Legislative Bills numbers S04358-A and A03240-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the Education Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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.

Mr. Gandolfo for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. GANDOLFO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is my honor to introduce a former member of this House, Joseph Saladino. He served here in the Assembly from 2004 to 2017. When he was here, he was actually my Assemblyman, so I am a former constituent of his. When he left the Assembly, he went on to become the Supervisor of the Town of Oyster Bay in Nassau County on Long Island. So we are so happy to have him back here today. And Madam Speaker, would you please offer him all the cordialities of the House?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Gandolfo, the Speaker and all the members, wonderful to see you again, Mr. Saladino. We welcome you back to the Assembly Chamber. We've said this multiple times today: Once a member, always a member and extending the privileges of the floor to you. We hope you enjoy the proceedings today. Great to see you. Thank you very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

On consent, page 6, Rules Report No. 12, the Clerk read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09477, Rules Report No. 12, Paulin. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to authorizing the performance of certain dental hygiene services at voluntary foster care agency health facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last

section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 540th day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Ways and Means has completed their work. Would you please call the Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room right away?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Rules Committee members, please make your way to the Speaker's Conference Room. Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if I could interrupt our proceedings again, please, to introduce some of our guests that are in the Chamber. Earlier we saw the great Mayor from New York City in our Chamber and former member of the Assembly. Now we have not just a former member of the Assembly, but a former Senator, who is also now the Mayor of the great City of Buffalo, Sean Ryan. So would you please give him the cordialities of the floor and welcome him back to our Chambers.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mrs.

Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all members, welcome back, Mayor Ryan. It's wonderful to see you. We extend to you the privileges that you always will have as a member. Once a member, always a member. Thank you so very much for joining us today. Congratulations to you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, thank you so much. I do have another introduction for -- on behalf of Speaker Carl Heastie. We have Irie Radio, Syn and Bobby Clarke. They are the number one Caribbean radio station, I'd imagine in this country, but specifically in the State of New York. So if you could please welcome them to our Chambers and offer them the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all members, we welcome our distinguished guests to the Assembly Chamber and extending to you the privileges the floor. I'm sure many people in our Chamber know of your great works and wonderful music. Thank you so very much for being here today. We hope you enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam --

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: My colleague has --

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Gandolfo.

MR. GANDOLFO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of Ms. Giglio, our colleague, it is my honor to introduce Jerry Halpin, the newly-elected supervisor for the great Town of Riverhead. Bringing him -- with him into office is 30 years of nonprofit leadership and experience, and he is focused on working with the State to bring Long Island's largest property, former Grumman property, development into fruition.

So, Madam Speaker, would you please welcome Supervisor Halpin to the Chamber today?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Gandolfo, Ms. Giglio, the Speaker and all members, welcome to you, Supervisor Halpin. We welcome you to our Assembly Chamber and extend to you the privileges of the floor. We hope you enjoy the proceedings today. It's not usually like this in here today, so we hope you enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We have additional guests in our Chambers. One of them is our own former member, Kimberly Jean-Pierre. If you would please welcome her back to her Chambers. As always, say: Once a member, always a member. Please give her the cordialities of our floor. Thank

you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, I welcome back my row-mate, Kimberly Jean-Pierre. It's so wonderful to see you here today. Congratulations to you on your recent nuptials. Once a member, always a member. It's so great to see you. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

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

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if -- if I can please continue to interrupt our proceedings by introducing and asking for the cordialities of the floor to be provided for our Council Member, Shanel Thomas-Henry. She's from Council District 21. She is actually the Council Member for our colleague who... where is our colleague? There she is... (indicating). If you would please welcome her to our floor and give her all the cordialities of the House. Thank you, ma'am.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, Member Hooks, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you Council Member Henry to our Assembly Chamber and extend to you the privileges of the floor. We hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk read.

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 827, Mr. Ra.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 9, 2026, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Ra on the resolution.

MR. RA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you to my colleagues for their support of this resolution. It's -- it's always a little odd timing because January 9th is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, so it always comes very early within our calendar here. So we're usually, you know, doing this resolution after the fact, but I -- I think we all understand that our men and women in law enforcement throughout New York State each and every day put their lives on the line for our communities, to keep our community safe. And, you know, they really are the line between, you know, disorder and -- and un-safety and -- and safety for our communities. These individuals who -- who step up to do that job really have that in their DNA; that they want to serve the public, that they want to protect the public. And I had the opportunity over the last couple days -- each year, I have a number of my local school districts do cards and banners and things of that nature for our local law enforcement. And we had the opportunity to deliver some of those to law enforcement,

different agencies, you know. We -- we actually, this year, assigned different schools. Some did stuff for our State Police, some did stuff for our -- our court officers, some did stuff for -- for our local law enforcement in Nassau County. And it's a way of -- of having those students recognize those individuals who -- who give service to their community.

So, again, I thank my colleagues for -- for being in support of this resolution; a -- a very simple way of recognizing those individuals who serve our communities and keep us safe each and every day. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Slater on the resolution.

MR. SLATER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also wanted to rise to voice my support for this resolution. Law Enforcement Appreciation Day reminds us to recognize those who stand daily between danger in our communities, answering the call to serve and protect. In the 94th Assembly District, we are fortunate because we have several law enforcement agencies who have been accredited by DCJS, including the Yorktown Police Department, the Carmel Police Department and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department all of whom have met rigorous standards by the State and they demonstrate a commitment to excellence in training, procedures and community trust. Their stewardship is reflected not only in professional standards, but in public safety outcomes. Yorktown and Carmel have been ranked among the safest small towns in America,

with both communities consistently placing in the top ten nationally for low crime and high quality of life. These statistics are not just numbers. They represent neighborhoods where children enter school with confidence, where families build their futures and where residents feel secure in their daily lives. That sense of safety is a tribute to the dedication of every officer who patrols our neighborhoods, who engages our youth and responds in our moments of crisis.

Madam Speaker, let this resolution serve not only as gratitude, but as a reaffirmation of our commitment to the brave law enforcement officers of New York and the 94th Assembly District. May they always return home safely. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes on the resolution.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I -- I certainly want to honor our colleague for intro -- introducing this resolution again as he has in the past. It is always appropriate to honor law enforcement and given that I know that there are several members in our Chamber who are former officers and I'd like to honor them.. not just for their service as law enforcement, but their service to the people as electeds.

There's not a community in the State of New York where law enforcement is not important. It's super important. We all

need to have access, whether you live in a small town or a large city. Law enforcement is critically important to the quality of our life.

At this point I would also like to honor those officers whose lives were lost on January the 6th in Washington D.C. whose families are probably still suffering at the loss of their loved ones. And particularly since the people who were... (pause) convicted for harming them were pardoned. I think if we are honoring and respecting law enforcement, we must always do that. It cannot be a selective thing. That it's only important if it represents my community, but it's not important if it represents your community. Or it's not important if you're not doing what I need you to do right now. That's not the case. It's not fair and it should never have happened. So I want to honor those officers whose lives were lost as a result of January 6th insurrection. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Resolution No. 828, Mr. DeStefano.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 11, 2026, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 829, Mr.

Kim.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 13, 2026 as Korean American Day in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 830, Ms. Levenberg.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 15, 2026, as Bagel Day in the State of New York.

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, colleagues have on their desk an A-Calendar. I'd like to move to advance that A-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the A-Calendar is advanced.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes. We have both.

On a motion by Mr. Sayegh, page 30, Calendar No. 128, Bill No. A04713, the amendments are received and adopted.

We have a of number of resolutions before the House today. Without objection, these resolutions will all be taken up together.

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

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 831 through 843 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I'd like to remind our colleagues that the Governor's State of State Address is today at 1 p.m. in the Hart Theatre, hence the multiple guests that we had in our Chambers today. We'll probably see them over there as well. Just 1 o'clock today in the Hart Theatre.

I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Wednesday, January the 14th, tomorrow being a Legislative day and that we reconvene at 2 p.m. January the 20th, Tuesday being a Session day. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion, the House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:28 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, January 20th at 2 p.m., that being a Session day.)