**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 3:38 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will come to order.

Good afternoon, colleagues.

Imam Hafiz Maaz Ali will order -- will offer us a prayer.

IMAM HAFIZ MAAZ ALI: Good afternoon and assalamu alaikum, meaning peace be upon you all. And most importantly (speaking foreign language).

I want to start this prayer with the best of words, which are the words of Almighty God from the Holy Book of Quran, in which Almighty God, he says (singing). Meaning that when my servant ask you, O Prophet, about me, I am truly near. I respond to one's prayer when they call upon me. So let them respond with

obedience and let them respond with obedience by me and worship me so that they, perhaps, they may be truly guided. And in this verse, Almighty God, He is telling us, His believers, that He answers the calls of those who call upon Him.

So as we gather here today, we call upon Almighty God, our (indiscernible), our Creator. And first and foremost, most importantly, we ask Almighty God to remind us of the fact and help us unite under the fact that we are all children of Adam and peace be -- of Adam and Eve, peace be upon them.

And we ask Almighty God to help us create this bond that we are all one family. And under this one bond we ask, Almighty God, to spread peace among each and every single one of us, to spread peace in our hearts and to spread peace in our communities, in our nations and across every corner of the world.

And we ask Almighty God to bless the leadership of this blessed Assembly and all elected officials with the -- with the wisdom to understand that peace is always the higher road.

And we ask, Almighty God, to make them ambassadors of peace in their communities, ambassadors of peace in their nations.

And we ask, Almighty God, to let peace start from their communities and spread throughout the world.

And we ask, Almighty God, to bless these dedicated public servants in their duties. We ask, Almighty God, to make them a source of justice in their communities. We ask, Almighty God, to

give them the strength to uphold the trust of the people who voted for them and to uphold the commitment to the people that they serve.

And Almighty God, we ask you to protect the vulnerable. Almighty God, we ask you to comfort the suffering.

And Almighty God, we ask you to extend your infinite mercy to the -- those -- the ones who are less fortunate among us.

And Almighty God, we ask you to bless us in our work, to bless our families. Almighty God, we ask you to bless our communities with harmony and peace.

And Almighty God, we pray that you make New York State, our wonderful state, a model of hope for the whole entire world, a living example where people from every race, people from every faith, people from every nationality and people from every background, they live together in peace and harmony.

And Almighty God, we ask you to bless us all the success in this world and the next.

May God bless our wonderful State of New York. May God bless our wonderful country of America. And may God bless the world. Free it from -- lift it from the darkness of conflict and war. And we ask, Almighty God, to make peace a reality for every man, woman and child upon it.

Amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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 Friday, March 20th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Friday, March the 20th, and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

To my colleagues that are in the Chambers as well as our guests that are here, I'd like to share a quote with you today. This one comes from Eleanor Roosevelt.

Eleanor Roosevelt was, obviously, everybody knows, a First Lady at some point in the United States of America. She was an influential political figure, a diplomat, a delegate to the United Nations, General Assembly, a teacher, an author and a humanitarian. Her words for us today: "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." Again, these words are from Eleanor Roosevelt.

Madam Speaker, colleagues have on their desk a main Calendar. This calendar has 21 new bills on it. And after you have done any housekeeping and/or the proper introductions, we will

take up Calendar resolutions on page 3, then we will consent the new bills to the Calendar, beginning with Calendar No. 309. That's on page 4.

There may be a need for further floor activity, Madam Speaker. Should that be the case, we will advise at that moment. However, this is a general outline of where we're going today. And if you could please get us started with housekeeping and introductions.

Thank you, ma'am.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

We have one piece of housekeeping.

On a motion by Ms. Rajkumar, page 6, Calendar No. 321, Bill No. A08047-A, the amendments are received and adopted.

We do have a few introductions this afternoon.

We will start with Mr. Colton for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. COLTON: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am privileged and honored to introduce Imam Maaz Ali, an accounting student at Brooklyn College who is visiting us today represent [sic] IQRA Masjid, Global Community Welfare, the United States Chaplain Force, and the Shariah Council of the United States of America from my district. He is accompanied by his brother, Muaz Waz Ali, an EMT and a student at Brooklyn College, as well as their youngest brother, Huzaifa Ahmed (phonetic), a 7th grade student at Seth Low IS 96 in my district.

We are also joined by distinguished members of several community organizations, including Wakiel Ahmed (phonetic), Adnon Nazir (phonetic), Jawad Shabir (phonetic), Monsur Hasan (phonetic), Rivan Ahmed Putan (phonetic), from the Pakistani youth organizations. Shabir Ahmed (phonetic) from the Brooklyn Emerge and Mohammed Zadiki (phonetic) from the Islamic Center of Brooklyn. Brazah Ruhee (phonetic), Ume Kuzoon Butt (phonetic), Yaseem Hazneed (phonetic), Hadzika Kwanungo (phonetic) and Zanit Kwanungo (phonetic) from the American Council of Minority Women. Antwa Ali (phonetic), Nazwa Salim (phonetic), Ifran Cheena (phonetic), Mahoob Danish (phonetic), Shaheed Iqwa (phonetic), Mahammed Zaka (phonetic), Atif Ramen (phonetic) and Mahammed Ibrum -- Ibraham (phonetic) along with Barrister David Zakaki (phonetic).

These organizations and individuals are dedicated to serving all communities without discrimination based on race, color or faith. They continue to work tirelessly to promote peace, unity and mutual understanding. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these honored guests.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Colton, Mr. Carroll, the Speaker and all members, we welcome the Imam and his brothers, along with the distinguished guests, community residents and leaders here 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 traveling to visit with

us today and for joining us.

Thank you.

(Applause)

Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1074, Ms. Jackson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 22, 2026, as Water 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. 1075, Mr. Santabarbara.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 22-28, 2026, as Cleaning Week 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. 1076, Ms. Kassay.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2026, as Brain Injury Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Kassay on the resolution.

MS. KASSAY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to speak on this resolution memorializing the Governor to proclaim March as Brain Injury Awareness Month here in the State of New York. Brain injuries are often invisible public health issues that affect thousands of New Yorkers. And every day, families across our State are confronted with the sudden and life-altering reality of a traumatic brain injury. These injuries can often stem from falls, motor vehicle accidents, sports-related impacts, strokes or other medical complications. Regardless of the cause, the consequences can be profound, permanent and deeply personal.

Brain injuries do not present the same way for every individual. For some, the effects may include cognitive or memory challenges. For others they may bring physical limitations, emotional changes or the need for sustained rehabilitation and support. What remains constant is the ripple effect of these injuries and how they have on survivors, on families and on the communities that stand strongly beside them. By recognizing Brain Injury Awareness Month, we reaffirm our commitment to increasing public understanding, promoting preservation and prevention and strengthening access to care. Awareness is not simply symbolic. It is a catalyst for compassion, coordination and meaningful change. It helps reduce stigma, encourages early intervention and it ensures that survivors are seen, supported and never left behind.

And I would like to just speak the name of the teacher in my life who made me who I am today, Michael Shelly (phonetic), who experienced a traumatic brain injury. And this today is for him and everyone like him who experienced the sudden change in their lives and that does not -- not diminish at all the gifts that they have given to the community and continue to give to the community.

So I thank you for giving me the time to recognize all those who are experiencing this and all those who are supporting them.

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.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1077, Mr. P. Carroll.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2026, as Migraine and Headache Awareness Month 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.

On consent, page 4, Calendar No. 309, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00329-B, Calendar No. 309, Jackson, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene

Law, the Public Health Law and the Social Services Law, in relation to setting comprehensive outpatient services.

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.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, just briefly, I see that the sponsor isn't here, but I just wanted to speak and explain why I, along with, it looks everybody, really supports this bill. I think that in recent years, our Chamber -- and we started to acknowledge the fact and recognize the fact more clearly that substance abuse disorder can at times go hand-and-hand with mental health issues. And when you have these co-occurring issues, it only makes sense to make sure that the -- the treatment is coordinated and as much as possible can be streamlined. So because I believe that this bill will help encourage that, I'm very happy to support it. I think that this will be -- this will be helpful. So I'm -- I'll be in the affirmative.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Walsh in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Ms. Walsh for the purpose of an introduction.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings briefly in order to introduce some people who are in our Chamber today on behalf of Assemblymembers Tannousis, Reilly, Pirozzolo, and Fall.

Today we have with us -- joining with us Bob and Linda Ollis. Bob and Linda Ollis are the proud parents of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis, who was killed in action in 2013 in Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Ollis was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on March 2nd of this year. And also joining with us today is Linda Thompson, who is the Veterans Affairs liaison for the FDNY.

So, Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Assemblymembers Tannousis, Reilly, Pirozzolo and Fall, would you please welcome these esteemed guests to the Chamber and afford to them all the cordialities of the House?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms. Walsh, Mr. Tannousis, Members Reilly, Pirozzolo and Fall and the Speaker, all members, we welcome you to the Assembly Chamber and extend to you the privileges of the floor extending deepest condolences for the loss of Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis. Thank you for giving you -- giving us your son and for his dedicated service. We hope you enjoy our proceedings today and truly appreciate you joining us today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

On consent, page 4, Calendar No. 310, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01392, Calender No. 310, Cruz, Burdick, Simon, Woerner, Glick, Giglio, McDonough, Shrestha. An act to require the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to develop recommendations regarding the establishment of microgrids.

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. A01428, Calendar No. 311, Forrest, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to substituting brand name prescription drugs in the case of a drug shortage.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02425, Calendar No. 312, Paulin. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to

payments of certain expenses by adoptive parents.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 30th 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. A02601, Calendar No. 313, Kelles, Seawright, Sayegh, Simon, Steck, Paulin, Gallagher, Vanel, Hevesi, Otis, González-Rojas, Cruz, Glick, Rosenthal, Bores, Gibbs, Tapia, Burdick, Levenberg, Romero, Meeks, Forrest. An act to amend the Criminal Procedural Law, in relation to the expungement of syringe convictions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02740-A, Calendar No. 314, Jacobson, Romero, Shrestha, Santabarbara, Schiavoni. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to denials of increased utility rates and charges.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03283-C, Calendar No. 315, Bores. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the operation of gene synthesis providers and manufacturers of gene synthesis equipment.

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. A05682, Calendar No. 316, Glick, Taylor, Rosenthal. An act to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law, in relation to the status of an interim multiple dwelling unit as a protected occupant's primary residence.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05710-A, Calendar No. 317, Solages, Septimo, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to prohibiting insurers from refusing to renew a policy on certain automobiles used for volunteer social service transportation.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 30th 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. A05850, Calendar No. 318, Glick, Bores, Simone, Lee, Colton, Burdick, Rosenthal, González-Rojas, Dinowitz, Simon, Steck, Davila, Shimsky, McDonough, Paulin, Kay, Romero, Lasher, Levenberg, Kelles, Otis, Stirpe, Hevesi, Lunsford, Cruz, Seawright, Reyes, Kassay. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to prohibiting the participation of certain animals in traveling animal acts.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06465, Calendar No. 319, Hunter, Berger, Clark, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to prohibiting insurers from reducing disability benefits unless certain conditions are met.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07796, Calendar No. 320, Kelles, Simon, González-Rojas, Tapia, Stern, Shimsky, Hyndman, Rozic. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to accessing records under the Freedom of Information Law.

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. A08047-A, Calendar No. 321, was previously amended on third reading.

Assembly No. A08518, Calendar No. 322, Steck, Schiavoni, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to requiring insurance coverage of outpatient problem gambling services.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09390-B, Calendar No. 323, Berger, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to prohibiting public adjusters from contacting certain persons regarding a property that has sustained damage from a damaging event within forty-eight hours of such damaging event.

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. A09584-A, Calendar No. 324, Woerner, McDonald, Shimsky, Tapia, Clark, DeStefano, K. Brown, Bendett, Glick, Steck. An act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, in relation to enhancing know your customer requirements and responsible gaming procedures.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10030-A, Calendar No. 325, Weprin, Berger. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to requiring health insurers to provide coverage for speech therapy for stuttering.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10080-A, Calendar No. 326, Wieder, P. Carroll, Beephan, Williams, Eachus, Brabenec,

Kay. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to expanding geographical boundaries for residency requirements of correction officers employed by local correction facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10335, Calendar No. 327, 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 HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10514-A, Calendar No. 328, Zaccaro, Cruz, Hevesi, Shimsky, DeStefano. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to guidance, recommendations and best practices related to incorporating placenta accreta spectrum screenings into routine prenatal care.

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.)

Mr. Zaccaro to explain his vote.

MR. ZACCARO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to address placenta accreta spectrum, also known as PAS, a

serious condition where the placenta attaches abnormally to the uterus. Since 1980, the incidents of PAS has alarmingly increased from 1 in 1,250 pregnancies to 1 in 272 by 2025. This dangerous complication often goes undetected until delivery, oftentimes leading to severe bleeding and life-threatening emergencies. In New York, inconsistent screening practices across providers and regions further jeopardize women's health and that is why this bill today is essential. It mandates that the New York State Department of Health create clear evidence-based path screening guidelines ensuring that all pregnant patients receive consistent assessments regardless of their providers. Women and expecting parents deserve clarity about their risks and healthcare providers need the tools to offer informed care. And so with the passage of this bill today, we can establish standardized guidelines to help recognize risk factors, utilize appropriate imaging and refer patients to qualified professionals to risk -- to high-risk deliveries.

And so today, Madam Speaker, as a father of three and on behalf of my wife, expected mothers Statewide, I proudly vote today in the firmative -- in the affirmative.

Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Zaccaro in the affirmative.

Ms. Forrest to explain her vote.

MS. FORREST: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to say thank you so much to the sponsor for bringing up this important

legislation. When the sponsor speaks about the importance of addressing women's needs during a very pivotal time during prenatal care, it cannot be overstated. It is not just -- when -- when we have issues that come up during prenatal care, it is the mother saying, *I don't feel well. I see spotting. Am I okay? I'm not really sure.* And those statements are taken very seriously, backed up by evidence-based screenings.

So I really want to commend the sponsor for stepping up and taking time to take those statements that seem very benign, but are covering really deep issues such as a loss of a child and a death of a mother.

Thank you so much on behalf of not only myself as a Black mother, but also, this is a part of addressing Black maternal health. So thank you so much, sponsor. Thank you for everyone else who cosponsored and support this bill. Thank you for the people who wrote the bill. Good job!

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Forrest in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10539, Calendar No. 329, Chandler-Waterman. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to child care provider registration and training.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last

section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Chandler-Waterman to explain her vote.

MS. CHANDLER-WATERMAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have the privilege to represent Black and Brown commune -- heavily Caribbean community that came here for a better life; the American Dream, which include affordability and dignity. As a mother of four beautiful children, a wife of 24 years, I had to deal with financial challenges with childcare, I decided to open up a 24 hour childcare facility within my home. I'm excited we are focusing on universal childcare. I want to ensure that we also focus on childcare workers, childcare providers and childcare owners and advocate for fair wages and less burdensome administrative fees and processes. Most of them are just trying to make a living and have come to this country with hardworking skills set to do what we do -- been doing for hundreds of years; caring for our community children, our future.

Childcare providers in New York State operate under a comprehensive regulations issued by New York State Office of Children and Family Services, while maintaining existing health and safety oversight standards administered by this agencies [sic] are

important. The frequency of cost and time-consuming renewal application, documenting -- documentation submissions and related compliance procedures can become burdensome, especially the -- for smaller childcare providers. Extending the licensure and registering time periods promotes operation stability and reduces regulatory burden. We're asking for instead of four years of licenses, extend it to six years. In order to expand availability of childcare for families in New York, it is important to reduce administrative burdens and compliance costs for childcare programs.

With that, I proudly vote in the affirmative and I encourage all my colleagues to do as well.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Chandler-Waterman in the affirmative.

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, do you have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: We have no housekeeping, but a resolution.

If members could please take their seats, clear the aisles for a resolution, please.

A resolution by Mr. Tannousis, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1066, Mr. Tannousis.

Legislative Resolution honoring Staff Sergeant Michael H. Ollis posthumously upon receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor and his induction into the Hall of Heroes.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Tannousis on the resolution.

MR. TANNOUSIS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to speak of not just our hometown hero on Staten Island, but an American hero, Michael Ollis, who on August 28, 2013, while fighting for his nation in Afghanistan, was killed when he placed himself between a suicide bomber and a Polish-allied officer, shielding the officer from the full force of the explosion and at the same time, unfortunately, sacrificing his own life.

According to several witnesses, his actions not only saved the life of the Polish officer, but also helped preserve the lives of more than 40 military and civilian personnel on the actual military base. We are privileged to have here today his parents, Bob and Linda Ollis, who hail from the New Dorp section of Staten Island and started a foundation in his honor.

For many years and through various congressional representatives, there was a push for Staff Sergeant Ollis to be awarded the Medal Honor -- of Honor by United States President. Finally, on March 2, 2026, after years of waiting, Staff Sergeant Ollis was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Trump in the White

House thanks to the great advocacy of Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis.

Michael, thank you for your service to our nation. Your hometown of Staten Island is very proud of you and we will never, ever forget your bravery and sacrifice for our great nation.

Thank you very, very much.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Reilly on the resolution.

MR. REILLY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to give you a little more insight into the impact that Michael Ollis has had on Staten Island. If you go to any school in Staten Island, you hear about his service, his commitment and his leadership. There's been a statue placed at Petrides High School, his alma mater. His legacy has such an impact that we closed down a major thoroughfare, New Dorp Lane, for a race in his honor.

The impact that he had on our community in Staten Island sets a great foundation for our future leaders and we talk about that each and every day in Staten Island. And thank you to Bob and Linda Ollis for giving us your son, a great role model that we can only imagine being half of the hero he really is. Thank you.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying

aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

(Applause)

We have a number of resolutions before the House. Without objection, these resolutions will 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. 1078 through 1080 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March the 24th, tomorrow being a Session day.

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

(Whereupon, at 4:48 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m., that being a Session day.)