MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 **4:45 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will come to order.

Good afternoon, colleagues. Almost evening.

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 Sunday, May 4th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of May the 4th, Sunday, May the 4th and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam. Good afternoon, colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers. I'd like to share a quote with you all today. This one comes from Joyce Meyer. Some of you all may know her. She's a Christian author and speaker and president of Joyce Meyers Ministry [sic]. Her words for us today: *Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while you are waiting*. Again, these words from Joyce Meyers [sic].

Madam Speaker, colleagues have on their desk a main Calendar. It has 15 new bills on it. After you have done any introductions or housekeeping, we're going to take up Calendar Resolutions on page 3, then we're going to begin to consent the 15 new bills on the Calendar starting at page 5.

That is a general outline of where we're going so far today, ma'am. If you have any introductions or housekeeping, now would be a perfect time. Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you. We have no housekeeping, but do have an introduction.

Mr. Zaccaro for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. ZACCARO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am

blessed today to be able to introduce my family who is joining me here in the Chamber, starting with my beautiful and amazing wife who joins me today. We just actually celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary yesterday.

(Applause)

And it is because of her grace, her love and her support that I'm able to do this work and sustain all that we do for our family. And I want to introduce my three lovely children, starting with my oldest boy, Judah; my youngest girl, Miah; and my little baby boy, Ethan. They are the pride and the joys of my life.

So, Madam Speaker, if you would be so kind as to welcome them and extend to them the privileges of the floor, I would be so gracious for you for that. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Zaccaro, the Speaker and all members, we welcome the Zaccaro family to the Assembly Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. We do hope you enjoy our proceedings today but want to say a big heartfelt congratulations on your 12th wedding anniversary. That is not an insignificant thing, so congratulations to you. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Ra for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. RA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very proud to welcome to the Chamber today some constituents. Molly Talbot is here with her parents John and Deborah, and they're here

advocating on behalf of Juvenile Arthritis and we're going to be taking up a resolution in just a bit for Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month.

Molly is a student at H. Frank Carey High School in Franklin Square, and she was diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis when she was 12 years old. Last September she hosted a car wash, mind you in the rain, so it's appropriate that they're up here today, and despite the rain, she organized friends and classmates to help her out and raise close to $2,500 for the Arthritis Foundation. So she is here, as I said, with her parents John and Deborah. John is a longtime member of the Franklin Square Men's -- Men's Fire Department, and I'm very proud to welcome them to the Chamber today to witness us passing this resolution.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Ra, the Speaker and all members, welcome Molly, John and Deborah to the Assembly Chamber. We extend the privileges of the floor to you. Thank you for your advocacy with Juvenile Arthritis. Very important issue. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 410, Mr. Sayegh.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 1, 2025 as School Principals' Day in

the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Sayegh on the resolution.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. As an educator, as a former principal for 30 years, today's resolution recognizing school building administrators, also known as principals, is really very crucial and the impact that plays on students' success on allowing children to develop not only social skills but emotional skills and allowing an opportunity for staff to promote development on curriculum and skills leading to better test scores, leading to better outcomes academically and being able to address the needs many students have, especially many of our students have very special needs that need identification and being able to provide students with those services can really achieve a tremendous amount of positive outcome for students that otherwise would have to live with these deficiencies.

So today we recognize every May 1st as School Principal [sic] Day in the State of New York, and it's also a national holiday which also promotes a month-long celebrating principals' recognition in October of every year. So to all the school principals, we wish them the very best and thank them for their hard work.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Beephan on the resolution.

(Pause)

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying

aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 411, Ms. Solages.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 5, 2025 as Haitian Unity 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. 412, Ms. Pheffer Amato.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 6, 2025 as Police Memorial Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Pheffer Amato on the resolution.

MS. PHEFFER AMATO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to honor the lives of the police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our State and our community. May 6th is Police Memorial Day in the State of New York, which allows us to commemorate and reflect on the selfless contributions made each day by police officers.

Tragically in 2024, we lost 26 police officers throughout New York State. These heroes will have their names permanently enshrined into the New York State Police Memorial here

in the State Capital as a way we can revere and forever honor their memory, ensuring that they are never forgotten.

To the families of our fallen officers, your loved one was the embodiment of good and what it truly means to be a hero. The only words I could express is how proud you must be that you had a husband, wife, brother, sister, parent, child, someone who had the character to stand up and say, *I want to protect and serve the community*. Let's be honest. There's not a lot of people who are willing to do that.

And Madam Speaker, if I may be -- make it clear, the police do good work and we are grateful. While we cannot bring those heroic police officers -- officers we lost back, it is with my hope this resolution brings some form of comfort to the families as we in this Chamber are saying one -- with one word, loud unified voice, thank you to our police officers. Thank you for your commitment. Thank you for your dedication and thank you for the sacrifice to ensure all of us are able to thrive in a safe, free and just society.

Once again, thank you to the police officers in our great State. To those we have lost, may their memories always be a blessing. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Angelino on the resolution.

MR. ANGELINO: I rise to thank the sponsor and also the Governor for proclaiming tomorrow Police Memorial Day in New York State. Tomorrow, May 6th, hundreds and hundreds if not

thousands of cops will be right outside the building and they'll be doing rubbings of friends, maybe even family members, names off the wall out there. And I have been to far too many law enforcement funerals in my career and it's gut wrenching. But tomorrow is a day that we celebrate the lives that these men and women provided service to the State of New York. It's a -- it's a nice time that everybody can get together and reminisce and not have the -- the backdrop of a widow and small children and bagpipes just evoking tears from everybody.

And as I always do I will end with, we don't remember these officers for how they died, we remember them for how they lived their lives. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Giglio on the resolution.

MS. GIGLIO: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker, and I'd like to thank the sponsor for bringing this resolution forward. It is a very important one.

We have lost many law enforcement officers over the years. I look forward to tomorrow, being with the families and thanking them and letting them know that we appreciate their sacrifice that their loved one made, as I'm sure we all will. And again, I want to thank the sponsor for putting up this very important resolution. We need to recognize that, you know, our law enforcement, they run into the line of fire to protect us and keep us safe and to keep people from breaking the law and to guide them to be better citizens and to make

good choices.

So thank you again, and thank you to the sponsor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Buttenschon on the resolution.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for sponsoring this legislation.

Tomorrow the Jensen family from Rome, New York will be here, as their son was killed in the line of duty on April 14th of last year. Michael E. Jensen and Michael Hoosock. One, a Syracuse police officer from Rome, New York and an Onondaga County Sheriff. So clearly, the family will be here with many other families. And as we remember the efforts and the hard work of these wonderful officers, and I'm sure tomorrow with all the families there and all of us supporting them, that is what is necessary.

So to all of them and their families, God bless them and we are here for you tomorrow. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. O'Pharrow on the resolution.

MR. O'PHARROW: Good morning. Actually, good afternoon. Sorry, my apologies. My time is behind.

I'd like to thank my colleague Pheffer Amato for introducing this wonderful resolution, and I'd also like to thank some of my colleagues who have stood in the uniform to protect people of the United States and protect people in our district and protect people worldwide. The thing about being in law enforcement, this is not

something that we're destined to do. It's something that we felt it was a need to do to protect people all over our great State, and it takes a special person to do that, to -- to put on that uniform and be proud and to know that you're going into a lion's den to protect people that you don't even know. This is something that we innately hold dear to our heart to protect people all over, and I'd just like to thank our colleague Pheffer Amato for doing this.

Also, I'd like to thank the colleague Reilly back there who he and I served together in the 67th Precinct, as well as Phil Ramos, and thank all the law enforcement officers all over this great State. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Durso on the resolution.

MR. DURSO: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you to the sponsor for putting forth this resolution.

Obviously, and we want to say thank you. Thank you to the brave men and women who put on the uniform every day and keep us safe. And tomorrow we get to remember those that have lost their life in the line of duty. And some closer to us than others. Unfortunately, tomorrow we will be for the first time seeing the name of Detective Jonathan Diller inscribed into the wall here in Albany. I can't thank Detective Diller enough for his service to this State. I can't thank his family enough for the strength they've shown over the past almost a year to the -- we're just passed a year now from the time he had passed away. And I want to say thank you to his family for

allowing us to continue honoring him, his memory and the memory of all our law enforcement who put their lives on the line every single day we say thank you.

So thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Reilly on the resolution.

MR. REILLY: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

So with tomorrow the etching on the wall is really something that us Staten Islanders hold near and dear to our heart. Anthony Varvaro, Port Authority Police Officer, will be added to that wall. Anthony Varvaro was once a professional baseball player. He left that career and he became a police officer. And he coached for several years our youth on the north shore of Staten Island and in the west shore. He made an indelible mark on every member of that league. And he has made that mark on Staten Island. We will forever be grateful for him and his family and for the sacrifice he made.

But overall, as we see these names etched on the wall tomorrow, remember several of them we are still losing from 9-11; the disease that kills them. We didn't just lose people on September 11, 2001. We continue to lose them each and every year, and those members in uniform are being added to that wall. Sadly, some that I knew personally.

Fidelis Ad Mortem. Faithful Unto Death. Thank you.

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. 413, Ms. Jackson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 4-10, 2025 as Drinking Water 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. 414, Mr. Lemondes.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025 as Wrestling Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Lemondes on the resolution.

MR. LEMONDES: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to bring this recognition to the floor.

May 2025 is World Wrestling Month. Wrestling is one of the most intense, scholastic and international sports dating back to ancient Samaria, and the Greeks who introduced it to the ancient Olympics in 708 BC as a form of soldiers training. For the occasion, United World Wrestling has launched "This is Wrestling", a social media campaign asking athletes, firms, coaches and members of the

wrestling community to share photos and videos of themselves related to wrestling, which will be on display for all to see.

In 2022, the U.S. Wrestling Foundation, a nationally-known, non-profit organization, officially launched the first national Let's Wrestle Program to help more high school students prepare for success in life and overcome challenges through the principles of wrestling. The campaign features prominent and nationally-recognized celebrities who attribute the discipline learned in wrestling as part of their professional success. Stars from Hollywood, the NFL, other professional sports, business leaders and scientists, including Tommy Hilfiger, Chris Pratt, NASA astronauts, Indy car drivers and NFL Super Bowl champions, among others. Posters of the stars and other recruiting materials have been sent to over 11,000 high school wrestling coaches across the country.

Wrestling is currently the sixth most popular boys high school state [sic] in New York and the fastest growing girl's high school sport nationally as well as here at home. This month we celebrate the over two millenniums old sport of wrestling worldwide and in the United States.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let's wrestle.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 415, Mr. Jensen.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025 as Hypertension 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.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 416, Ms. Rajkumar.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 26, 2025 as Guyanese Independence 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. 417, Mr. Ra.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2025 as Juvenile Arthritis Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Ra on the resolution.

MR. RA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. One of the -- one of the really special things I think we get the opportunity to do in this Chamber is -- is bring forward resolutions to spread awareness to each other about different issues, and usually it's because we've

encountered a constituent who has brought an issue to our attention and we're trying to help them in the work they're doing spreading awareness.

So, I introduced the Talbot family earlier and I just want to give you a little bit of information about juvenile arthritis. Really, the -- the takeaway from this is that we think of arthritis as something that older people get, but kids get arthritis, too. It's important to understand that juvenile arthritis is an umbrella term that refers to pediatric rheumatic diseases including juvenile idiopathic arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions that can develop in ages 16 and younger.

The Arthritis Foundation works with many partners and the Juvenile Arthritis community to raise awareness and advocate for juvenile arthritis, including the critical need for pediatric rheumatologists who provide life-changing treatments. Today six states have only one pediatric rheumatologist, eight states have none. There's just over 360 pediatric rheumatologists in the entire United States of America. So that's why this resolution is so important that we increase awareness of -- of this ailment, and I thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to help spread awareness by voting for this resolution today.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Gibbs on the resolution.

MR. GIBBS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in

thanks to the sponsor for this resolution. Arthritis was near and dear to my family. I also want to thank his constituents for coming up here and being an inspiration. Continue to do the good work, and I thank you. I shared my personal story, so thank you, Ed Ra.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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

Mr. Beephan for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. BEEPHAN: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

With me here today I have a friend and colleague from my district, Ms. Brianna Lyman. So, Brianna is a graduate of Fordham University where she studied political economy. She currently works for the *Federalist* based out of D.C., but she lives right in my district in Hopewell Junction. When she's not writing about immigration or elections law, she is -- you could find her on TV at night either on Fox News, on Gutfeld!, Newsmax, you name it. She's a fierce advocate for folks on our side of the aisle.

Also, I'm excited to announce that she was recently recognized for her work and accepted to the Claremont Institute "PlusBus" -- PlusBus? -- fellowship recognizing her great writing and reporting, and we look forward to celebrating your completion of that program soon.

So, Madam Speaker, do you mind offering the cordialities of the House to Ms. Brianna Lyman?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr.

Beephan, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you to the Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

On consent, page 5, Calendar No. 106, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00382-A, Calendar No. 106, Vanel. An act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, in relation to advertising restrictions for mobile sports wagering licenses.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00563-A, Calendar No. 107, Paulin. An act to amend the Executive Law and the General Business Law, in relation to requiring policies for the use of automatic license plate reader systems.

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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01906, Calendar No. 108, Colton, Rosenthal, Walker, Cook, Seawright, Taylor, Glick, Williams, Rivera. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to providing notification to customers of bed bug infestations on MTA subways, trains and buses.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02332-B, Calendar No. 109, Berger, Lee. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to requiring any website or mobile application associated with an electronic benefit transfer system to be offered in the 12 most common non-English languages.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02538-A, Calendar No. 110, Davila, Cunningham. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to finger imaging for SNAP benefit recipients.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02725-A, Calendar No. 111, Paulin, Taylor, Colton. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to requiring employers to include an opioid antagonist in first aid supplies required by Federal law.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last

section.

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

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 I will be supporting this bill. I think it's a good idea to have in first aid kits an opioid antagonist like Narcan. It was interesting to me, though, as I was reading through the list of what needs to be in these first aid kits. It doesn't say anything like about like an EpiPen, which to me seemed like it might be a really good idea to have something like that in there. So for any of you who might be looking for new legislation to bring, I offer that up to my colleagues.

Thank you very much. I'll be in the affirmative.

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. A04649-A, Calendar No. 112, Rajkumar, Barrett, Buttenschon, Miller, Hawley, Durso, Stern, Seawright, Tague, McDonough, Morinello, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Veterans' Services Law, in relation to Certificates of

Honorable Separation from or services in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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. A04683, Calendar No. 113, Paulin. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to the date of school district annual organizational meetings; and to repeal certain provisions of such 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.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04938, Calendar No. 114, Levenberg, Jacobson, Shrestha, Benedetto, Mamdani, Hevesi, González-Rojas, Eachus, Reyes, Stern, Forrest, Ramos, Burdick, Slater, Gandolfo, DeStefano, Durso, Lemondes, Chang, Santabarbara, Sayegh, Alvarez, Seawright, Lasher, Zaccaro, Kay, Jensen, Meeks, Clark, Smith. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to providing protections for telecommunications tower technicians.

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. A07411, Calendar No. 115, Jones. An act to amend the County Law, in relation to permitting the Commissioner of Health to designate local health officials to request copies of certain reports and records.

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. A07617, Calendar No. 116, Peoples-Stokes, Walker, Davila, Palmesano, Smullen, Kay, Romero, Shimsky, Alvarez, DeStefano, McDonough, Morinello, K. Brown, O'Pharrow, Glick, González-Rojas, Reyes, Bailey, Lunsford. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to removing the prohibitions on patient participation in multiple transplant programs in New York State.

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 to explain her vote.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity to explain my vote. I certainly want to thank, you know, all the sponsors that are on the bill as well as those who have chosen to vote for it today.

I want to honor Dr. Kayler, who is the surgeon, transplant surgeon at the Erie County Medical Center who actually brought this issue to my attention. And actually the reason that I

know Dr. Kayler so well is because she's the surgeon who did the work on my daughter years ago. And the issue is so critically important because there are so many people who don't have access to be able to go somewhere else or to even go to New York City to try and get on a list to receive a transplant. There are some 8,000 New Yorkers who are right now on wait lists, waiting for the access to get a transplant. And roughly 400 of those could be gone by the time they get an opportunity to get a transplant. And so what this bill does is provide that people who are on Medicaid who traditionally under current law would not have the opportunity to apply in more than one place. You can only apply on one place and be on one list. And I'm not sure why that law was created some years ago, but I do know that it's not been helpful to many of the kidney transplant patients who are in and around the State of New York. So if we want to improve not just the people's quality of life by being able to remove themselves from being tethered to a dialysis machine on a regular basis, we should give them the opportunity to access more than one kidney list and this bill does that.

And so I really do want to honor Dr. Kayler for bringing it to my attention, and certainly I want to honor all of those who are helping to move this issue forward, especially the people at Donate Life who have done an amazing job going around the State of New York helping us as legislators because we've been doing a pretty good job, too, in increasing the number of people who have access to transplants.

So thank you very much for the opportunity to explain my vote, and it certainly is a yes on this one.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07892, Calendar No. 117, Braunstein. An act to amend the Religious Corporations Law, in relation to the court approval process for the sale, mortgage and lease of real property of a religious corporation.

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. A08067, Calendar No. 118, Epstein, De Los Santos. An act to amend the Financial Services Law, in relation to requiring private nonprofit post-secondary providers of higher education which service student loans to submit an annual report relating to student loan services provided.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08087, Calendar No. 119, Stern, Hunter, Slater, Griffin. An act to amend the Military Law, in relation to the issuance of a New York State Cold War Commemorative Medal.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

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. A08089, Calendar No. 120, Dais. An act to amend the Veterans' Services Law, in relation to establishing a New York State veterans' and service member law book.

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. Dais to explain his vote.

MR. DAIS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be very brief. I want to say thank you to my colleagues.

As a son of a veteran, my father served in the Army. As someone who has represented many veterans in my -- in my district, I have seen the struggles that veterans and their families have faced in trying to seek the resources that are available to them, specifically as we have cuts to the VA, cuts to veterans' services from the Federal level. I'm glad that all of us here in this Chamber are standing up for our veterans who have served our great State and our great country. I will always defend our vets. I will always protect the families of vets and, most importantly, we want to make sure our most vulnerable of our vets have access to services.

Just recently I had a 97-year-old WWII vet who was on the brink of being homeless and I could not find the resources until a couple coordination points to get that, not knowing that he actually gets bonus money because of his age that he served in the war. This makes it easily accessible to all New Yorkers, especially that served. And as always, go Army, beat Navy. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Dais in the affirmative.

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So I absolutely support this legislation. I think that this will be very helpful to veterans. I'm a little bit concerned that the

Department of Veterans' Services in the past has -- we've had to really push to have them simply distribute monies that have been collected from the payments that have been made for the checkoffs on peoples' taxes. And they've been pressed, the Commissioner's been pressed a number of times at budget hearings and we've even had to create legislation to try to do this.

So I really hope that -- that they're going to be up to the task, because I think that this is a really important thing that could really help. So I do hope that they're -- they're up for this. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

MS. WALSH: I'll be in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Walsh in the affirmative.

Mr. Chang to explain his vote.

MR. CHANG: Yes, thank you very much. Thank you to the sponsor for this bill. And as a veteran I know that getting the services are very disjointed. It's not very smooth at -- at all and I hope this bill will help the veterans to get the necessary services, and as a legislature in helping these veterans to get these service in a smooth and timely way.

And I thank you, sponsor, for this bill and go Navy. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Chang in the affirmative.

Mr. O'Pharrow to explain his vote.

MR. O'PHARROW: I think it's important that we always support our veterans near and dear to me, as I'm a veteran. I'm always going to say go Navy, so no disrespect to you, Hawley. But I'll tell you a brief story.

When I got out of the service I didn't have much. They just told me, *Here's your stuff for the last four years and you just figure it out*. So we had nothing at all. And I think at this point in time where we are in 2025, it's sad that we literally have to pass a bill for this. People that gave up their lives. Men, brave men and women. And but here we are doing the great work that we normally do for the entire State. So anything I can do to support our veterans, I'm here. Semper Fi, Ooh-Ra.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. O'Pharrow 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. We do 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. 418-429 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stands adjourned and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m.. Tuesday, May the 6th, tomorrow being a Session day.

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

(Whereupon, at 5:46 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m., that being a Session day.)