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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Yellow School Bus

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge events which contribute to the well-being of our students; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Yellow School Bus; and

WHEREAS, In 1939, New York educator Franklin W. Cyr convened a safety standards conference of educators, engineers and safety experts to consider ways to improve safety in transporting students to their schools; and

WHEREAS, That conference, 75 years ago on April 10-16, 1939, resulted in the adoption of National School Bus Chrome as the official color of the school bus in America with multiple improvements being made to school buses and school bus safety over the years; and

WHEREAS, The Yellow School Bus is an icon of schools and education in our State and our Nation, with its bright yellow color reminding all that our children are on their way to greet their teachers and classmates in their journey to prepare for life; and

WHEREAS, The Yellow School Bus has, due in large part to its distinctive color, kept our children safe each day for over 75 years on their way to schools each morning and back home to their families at the end of each day; and

WHEREAS, There are millions of women and men who have dedicated their lives and careers to the safety of the Yellow School Bus in their work as managers, drivers, dispatchers, attendants, trainers and technicians; and

WHEREAS, So many Americans hold and cherish memories and images of their own first rides or their children's and grandchildren's first

rides to school on that big Yellow School Bus; and

WHEREAS, The Cyr Foundation, through its public service, has shown deep commitment to the goals of safety and access to education that were espoused by Franklin W. Cyr; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Yellow School Bus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Cyr Foundation.