Senate Resolution No. 2175

BY: Senator ALCANTARA

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 18, 2017, as Transit Driver Appreciation Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to set aside official days to recognize the hard work of certain individuals who affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 18, 2017, as Transit Driver Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Transit Driver Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, Transit Driver Appreciation Day, officially March 18, 2017, was observed on Friday, March 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Residents throughout the State of New York celebrated the hard-working bus drivers and rail operators by greeting them with a warm smile or a friendly wave as they were boarding and a heartfelt thank you upon leaving; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers also printed out personalized thank you cards to show their appreciation for all transit drivers do each and every day WHEREAS, For hours on end, these drivers manage to keep a schedule, check fares, give directions, announce stops, remember requests and more, all while safely maneuvering an extra-large vehicle through unpredictable traffic, tough weather conditions and some really tight spaces; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 18, 2017, as Transit Driver Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.