Assembly Resolution No. 432

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 6, 2025, as Teacher Appreciation Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to highlight the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 6, 2025, as Teacher Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Teacher Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, On October 5, 1994, more than 100 different countries created the first World Teacher's Day; for decades, the National Parent-Teacher Association has designated the Tuesday in the first full week of May as Teacher Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, This day focuses on the teachers who work to make public schools great places for students to succeed in life, as well as to honor teachers and recognize the lasting contributions they make in the lives of their students; and

WHEREAS, In America's public-school system, there are 3.2 million full-time-equivalent teachers as of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Our teachers are more than purveyors of knowledge in the classroom, they also serve our students as role models and mentors and positively impact the lives of students well beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Few other professionals touch as many people as do teachers; the last two years, the Teacher Appreciation Day celebration took on new meaning as educators stepped up in unprecedented ways to meet their students' academic and emotional needs during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this great Empire State recognize our teachers educate and nurture all students to be responsible citizens, critical thinkers and life-long learners to successfully compete in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize the educators of New York State who work to open the minds of their students to new ideas, knowledge and dreams; who keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship; who fill many roles such as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and who continue to influence their students long after the school days are only memories; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 6, 2025, as Teacher 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 Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.