LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 30, 2013, as Healthy Schools Day in the State of New York, and the week of April 29 -- May 3, 2013, as School Building Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The purpose of School Building Week is to celebrate and highlight high-performing, healthy, safe and sustainable school facilities; and
WHEREAS, Children spend up to half of their daytime in schools and their environs; and
WHEREAS, Children eat more food, drink more water, and breathe more air relative to their size than adults do, and consequently, may be exposed to relatively higher amounts of contaminants; and
WHEREAS, Environmental contaminants can affect children quite differently than adults, because children may be more highly exposed to contaminants due to being more vulnerable to the toxic effects of contaminants, and also because environmental contaminants can affect children disproportionately because their immune defenses are not fully developed and their growing organs are more easily harmed; and
WHEREAS, Healthy schools are designed to reduce energy and maintenance costs, while providing cleaner air, improved lighting, reduced exposures to toxic substances, materials and supplies, thereby providing a healthier and safer learning environment for children, fostering achievement and well-being; and
WHEREAS, As centers of the community, our schools are the building blocks of our communities and the keystone of our future; and
WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has been a consistent and powerful advocate for the protection of our children in the school environment; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 30, 2013, as Healthy Schools Day in the State of New York, and the week of April 29 -- May 3, 2013, as School Building Week in the State of New York.