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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing for the observance of September 11th Remembrance Day and providing for the observance of a brief period of silence in public school classrooms at the opening of such day

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 802 of the education law is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. It shall also be his or her duty to make special provision for  
4 the observance in the public schools of Lincoln's birthday, Washington's  
5 birthday, Memorial day and Flag day, and such other legal holidays of  
6 like character as may be hereafter designated by law when the legisla-  
7 ture makes an appropriation therefor.

8 It shall also be his or her duty to make special provision for the  
9 observance in the public schools of September 11th Remembrance Day.

10 b. In each public school classroom the teacher in charge shall observe  
11 a brief period of silence with the participation of all the pupils ther-  
12 ein assembled at the opening of the eleventh day of September, known as  
13 September 11th Remembrance Day. This period shall not be conducted as a  
14 religious exercise but shall be an opportunity for silent prayer or for  
15 silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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