

Senate Resolution No. 1806

BY: Senator MAY

CONGRATULATING Dr. Jeanette Epps upon the occasion of serving as a Mission Specialist aboard NASA's SpaceX Dragon to the International Space Station

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate significant events which represent turning points in our unique history and commend those outstanding individuals whose steadfast and unremitting dedication to space exploration, scientific discovery and aeronautics research results in groundbreaking discoveries which improve the lives of the citizens of New York State, as well as those of the entire Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. Jeanette Epps upon the occasion of serving as a Mission Specialist aboard NASA's SpaceX Dragon to the International Space Station; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeanette Epps, a Mission Specialist with NASA's Crew-8 mission, will be launched into space in February of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Crew-8 mission is planned to be the eighth crewed operational NASA Commercial Crew flight of a Dragon spacecraft; a NASA Commercial Crew flight is a commercially operated crew transportation service to and from the International Space Station; and

WHEREAS, While at the International Space Station, Dr. Jeanette Epps will join Expedition 70 and 71 crew members already aboard the station to conduct a wide-ranging set of operational and research activities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeanette Epps was selected by NASA as an astronaut in 2009, and this will be her first spaceflight, working with the commander and pilot to monitor the spacecraft during the dynamic launch and re-entry phases of flight; and

WHEREAS, A native of Syracuse, New York, Jeanette Epps graduated from Henninger High School before receiving her bachelor's degree in physics from LeMoyne College; she went on to earn her master's degree in science and a doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman will be only the fifth African American woman in space; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeanette Epps truly personifies the significance of the availability of STEM programs to young women and all students, and serves as a reminder that even the sky is not a limit to the potential of our nation's greatest resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Organizations and individuals which have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication in performing vital research to bring us closer to better understanding and protecting our world and universe, are worthy and due the highest commendation for their contributions to all of humanity; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when events of such historic significance are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulating Dr. Jeanette Epps upon the occasion of serving as a Mission Specialist aboard NASA's SpaceX Dragon to the International Space Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Jeanette Epps.