Senate Resolution No. 705

BY: Senator SKOUFIS

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 26, 2023, as West Point Day in New York State

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point and to call upon Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 26, 2023, as West Point Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, By an act of Congress, on March 16, 1802, the United States Military Academy was established within the borders of New York State, on the banks of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, The Academy and its graduates are an integral part of the proud history of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, The leadership and sacrifices of the members of the Long Grey Line have helped this country withstand countless threats to our cherished democratic way of life; and

WHEREAS, The alumni have excelled not only on the battlefield but in many fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The Academy continues to provide our country with able and dedicated future leaders; and

WHEREAS, Its scenic campus is a mecca each year for thousands of visitors from across our State, continent, and other countries; and

WHEREAS, The United States Military Academy is in the forefront of our State's outstanding institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, Over seventy years ago, the late James T. McNamara, then a member of the New York State Assembly, and a member of the Academy's class of 1939, was the author of the State Legislature's first "West Point Day" Resolution; and

WHEREAS, For decades, our Nation has enjoyed the legacy of freedom and the United States Military Academy at West Point has played a vitally significant role in the maintenance of peace and freedom; and

WHEREAS, The members of this Legislative Body are proud to commemorate this event, marking April 26, 2023, as West Point Day in New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point and to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 26, 2023, as West Point Day in New York State; 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.