Senate Resolution No. 97

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 4, 2023, as School Librarian Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, School librarians provide the means for students to enter a lifetime of learning while gaining cultural understanding and the enhancement of global communication skills; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 4, 2023, as School Librarian Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National School Librarian Day; and

WHEREAS, The quest for knowledge and achievement by students is stimulated and developed through the use of educational resources and instruction provided by school library programs that are staffed by professional certified school librarians; and

WHEREAS, School library programs provide the means for students to gain cultural understanding and enhance global communication skills; and

WHEREAS, Lifelong learning begins and is systematically developed through the school library curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, The school library program contributes to the individual growth and development of all students, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

WHEREAS, School library programs teach the skills of effectively locating and ethically using information through traditional resources and new technologies to provide literature appreciation activities and to guide and encourage informational and recreational reading to every student; and

WHEREAS, School libraries provide materials that will develop literary, cultural and aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, The school library program helps students learn to find texts on any topic of interest across a range of complexity, so they are engaged at a level that is challenging to them; and

WHEREAS, School librarians teach students to inquire, think critically, draw conclusions, make informed decisions, and create and share knowledge in preparation for advanced study and the workplace; and

WHEREAS, In light of their commitment, dedication and successful efforts, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to all of the certified School Librarians in the State of

New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 4, 2023, as School Librarian 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.