Senate Resolution No. 151

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 15, 2025, as National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers who devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens and students of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 15, 2025, as National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) is dedicated to making schools and children safer by providing the highest-quality training to school-based law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, These sworn law enforcement officers fill a three-part role, serving as informal mentors or counselors, law educators, and law enforcement officers to support the students and communities they serve; they are valuable and essential members of the education community who deserve unwavering respect and support from the public in the pursuit of keeping schools and students safe; and

WHEREAS, By training law enforcement officers to counsel, educate, and protect school communities, the members of NASRO continuously lead by example and promote a positive image of law enforcement to school children and school communities; and

WHEREAS, SRO programs across the globe are founded as collaborative efforts by police agencies, law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and communities to create safe learning environments, provide valuable resources to school staff members, foster positive relationships with students, and develop strategies to resolve problems that affect youth with the goal of protecting all children so they can reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, School resource officers are valuable and essential members of the education community and deserve unwavering respect and support from the public in the pursuit of keeping schools and students safe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 15, 2025, as National School Resource Officer Appreciation 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.