Senate Resolution No. 1856

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

COMMEMORATING the Centennial Anniversary of Hendrick Hudson High School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those enduring institutions which, through their commitment to education and community, have profoundly contributed to the development and vitality of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Hendrick Hudson High School, to be celebrated with a myriad of events throughout Spring 2026, including a Time Capsule Reveal and Dedication, as well as a Centennial Gala on May 30, 2026, in Ossining, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1926, Hendrick Hudson High School has stood as a beacon of learning, achievement, and community pride for 100 years, fostering generations of students under the enduring spirit of "Sailor Pride"; and

WHEREAS, The year 1926 marked a pivotal chapter in the history of the Hendrick Hudson school community, as the high school was officially designated Hendrick Hudson High School and plans for its dedicated building were set into motion; and

WHEREAS, This milestone was the culmination of forward-thinking efforts which began in 1925, when, on March 31, district voters approved the purchase of the Shedd property on Albany Post Road for $24,000, laying the foundation for a new era in public education; and

WHEREAS, On October 31, 1925, architects Knappe and Morris of New York City completed plans for the new high school building, with an estimated cost not to exceed $326,000, reflecting both ambition and careful stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, The community overwhelmingly endorsed the Board of Education's plan to construct the new school on December 3, 1925, demonstrating a shared commitment to educational excellence and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 1926, voters approved the renaming of the district to Central School District No. 3, establishing the district's modern boundaries and enabling access to vital state funding to support construction; and

WHEREAS, The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hendrick Hudson High School was held on May 27, 1926 in Montrose, marking a moment of unity and optimism, as members of the Board of Education and community leaders ceremonially turned the first shovelful of earth; and

WHEREAS, Among those present at this historic event were contractor Louis Kiel; supervising principal Frank G. Lindsey; Board of Education President Thomas Cole, who laid the cornerstone; and Board members David O. Henion, James Chase, James Herbert Ferris, and George Welsch, whose leadership helped bring this vision to fruition; and

WHEREAS, These efforts culminated in the completion of the new high school building in 1928, providing a permanent home for academic excellence and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, Hendrick Hudson High School has distinguished itself through its unwavering dedication to educating young people, cultivating civic responsibility, and nurturing a strong sense of identity and pride among its students and alumni; and

WHEREAS, The Centennial Anniversary of Hendrick Hudson High School provides an opportunity to reflect upon its rich history, honor its many contributions, and celebrate its continued role in shaping future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Hendrick Hudson High School, recognizing 100 years of learning, legacy, and Sailor Pride; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hendrick Hudson High School.