Senate Resolution No. 1904

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of P.S. 38Q, "The Rosedale School"

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of P.S. 38Q, "The Rosedale School," to be celebrated on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at P.S. 38Q in Rosedale, New York; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 38Q, known as "The Rosedale School," was established in 1926 in the heart of the Rosedale neighborhood in Queens, New York; since its founding, P.S. 38Q has served as a cornerstone of education and community life in southeast Queens; and

WHEREAS, With the expansion of the Long Island Rail Road and roadway systems in the early 20th century, the community of Rosedale was in the midst of transitioning from farmland to a growing suburban neighborhood; this rising population came with an increase in families with children, and a rising demand for public education; and

WHEREAS, When P.S. 38Q first opened its doors, Rosedale was still semi-rural with open land, modest homes, and limited infrastructure; P.S. 38Q has always reflected the growth and promise of the community around it, and as Rosedale expanded, so did P.S. 38Q; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 38Q quickly became one of the foundational institutions in the Rosedale neighborhood due to its commitment to educating the children in the community as well as serving as a gathering place for community members to develop a sense of shared identity and community pride; and

WHEREAS, In the decades following World War II, P.S. 38Q grew alongside the population of southeast Queens, and the school modernized its facilities and educational programs to better serve the larger and more diverse student body; and

WHEREAS, During the 1960s and 1970s, the Rosedale neighborhood became home to a growing number of African American and Caribbean families; with this growth, P.S. 38Q remained a steady and welcoming presence, offering continuity, opportunity, and a nurturing environment for these new populations; and

WHEREAS, By the late 20th century, P.S. 38Q became a vital part of New York City Community School District 29; led by strong leadership,

dedicated educators, and active parents, the school embraced a comprehensive curriculum that emphasized literacy, science, the arts, physical education, character development, and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Guided today by the mission to provide a high-quality education while nurturing the talents, ambitions, and voices of its students, P.S. 38Q continues to effectively serve students of southeast Queens in grades K through 5; the classrooms of P.S. 38Q continue to be filled with the same spirit of curiosity and determination that has defined the institution for generations; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 38Q maintains its strong position as a cornerstone in the community by offering after-school programs, arts programs, school events, and parent engagement events, which help students grow academically and socially, and by providing a space for community members to host meetings, celebrations, and special events; and

WHEREAS, As P.S. 38Q celebrates its 100th Anniversary, it honors not only a century of educational excellence, but also the countless students, families, educators, and community members who have contributed to its enduring success; without their countless contributions, P.S. 38Q would not be the remarkable institution it is today; and

WHEREAS, As community members look towards the future, it remains clear that P.S. 38Q will continue to foster an environment where our future neighbors, leaders, and innovators can develop and thrive, just as they have done over the last century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of P.S. 38Q, "The Rosedale School," to be celebrated on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at P.S. 38Q in Rosedale, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to P.S. 38Q, "The Rosedale School."