Senate Resolution No. 31

BY: Senator PERSAUD

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 18, 2025, as Thesaurus Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase important awareness of initiatives that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 18, 2025, as Thesaurus Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Thesaurus Day; and

WHEREAS, Written by Peter Mark Roget, the Thesaurus is a book of words or information about a particular field or set of concepts especially a book of words and their synonyms; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 18, 1779, Peter Mark Roget retired from a successful career in medicine and spent the rest of his life working on **Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases** which was published in 1852; and

WHEREAS, Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases originally contained 15,000 words organized into five primary categories: existence, relation, quantity, number, and time; today, the book is still organized by ideas and concepts as opposed to alphabetically, however, it now includes more than 230,000 words; and

WHEREAS, On Thesaurus Day, New Yorkers are encouraged to take out their Thesaurus, use some new words, and stretch their vocabulary; expanding your vocabulary has actually been shown to have positive health effects, and a powerful vocabulary can help an individual get ahead in their life and career; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this day is a good one to remember that language is the key to knowledge, and knowledge is the key to the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 18, 2025, as Thesaurus 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.