Senate Resolution No. 487

BY: Senator LIU

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 23, 2025, as Pakistan-American Heritage Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to all who foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which thereby strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York 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 March 23, 2025, as Pakistan-American Heritage Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Pakistani-American community demonstrate a strong work ethic that has enabled them to realize many accomplishments and find continued success in this State and Nation, and they continue to excel in a wide range of professions such as education, medicine, science, technology, business and industry; and

WHEREAS, Pakistan-American Heritage Day can provide an excellent means by which all New Yorkers can learn more about the rich Pakistani heritage, while fostering an appreciation for this ancient culture among future generations; and

WHEREAS, New York City is the home to 194,000 Pakistani-Americans; the community of people who came to New York from Pakistan, or who have ancestral ties to the homeland, share their cherished culture and traditions with Americans of all backgrounds, and they uphold the principles of freedom and democracy that are fundamental to life in our great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to acknowledge various cultures of people who add to the overall diversity of our State and, on this occasion, we take the opportunity to recognize the contributions made by the Pakistani-American community and extend best wishes to all of its members as they hold appropriate ceremonies to commemorate this historic milestone; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 23, 2025, as Pakistan-American Heritage Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; the Pakistani Consulate in New York City; and the American Pakistani Advocacy Group (APAG).