Senate Resolution No. 556

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 24, 2025, as Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond 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 awareness of educational programs designed to teach our children the importance of making an honest living, the value of hard work, and the development of a strong work ethic; 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 April 24, 2025, as Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of the national Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond; and

WHEREAS, Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond is an initiative by the non-profit organization Junior Achievement, which is dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to raise their aspirations and helping them overcome societal barriers in order to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Since launching in 1993 as Take Our Daughters to Work Day, the program has expanded its mission, becoming Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day in 2003, and Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond in 2024; and

WHEREAS, On the fourth Thursday in April, tens of millions of youths and adults in workplaces across the county participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, Designed to be more than a single career day, the Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond program bridges the gap between education and the workplace, providing young people with hands-on experiences that help them envision their futures in meaningful ways

WHEREAS, Exposing children to what a parent or mentor does during the work day is important, but showing them the value of their education, helping them discover the power and possibilities of work and family life, providing boys and girls a chance to share how they envision the future, and allowing them to begin steps toward their goals in a hands-on and interactive environment is key to their achieving success; and

WHEREAS, Participants are encouraged to post videos, photos, and stories about how they have been influenced in their professional roles, as well as post conversations with children on topics such as Education Planning, Self-Discovery and Bullying Prevention; and

WHEREAS, By bringing children together, we all contribute to creating a more equitable world at home, at school, and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, This year, we are celebrating the opportunities kids will discover and those for parents, mentors, and the community to be involved in this unique educational experience; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those educational programs aimed to enhance the well-being and vitality of the youth of our communities certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 24, 2025, as Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond 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.