Assembly Resolution No. 942

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 13, 2026, as Radio Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and celebrate individuals and events of historic significance to this great Empire 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 February 13, 2026, as Radio Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Radio Day; and

WHEREAS, German physicist Heinrich Hertz discovered radio waves in 1887, a milestone which paved the way for numerous advances in communication technology; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), radio waves have the longest wavelengths in the electromagnetic spectrum, and radio devices work by receiving these electromagnetic radio waves and converting them to mechanical vibrations in the speaker to create the sound waves you can hear; and

WHEREAS, Frequency modulation (FM) system of radio broadcasting, which is now the home of most music stations, was invented in Yonkers in 1937 by Edwin Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, Radio has the ability to cross international boundaries and bring news, entertainment and hope to those who live in unfree societies; on July 11, 1943, Anne Frank, while hiding from the Nazis, wrote in her diary, "the radio, with its wondrous voice, helps us not to lose heart and to keep telling ourselves, 'Cheer up, keep your spirits high, things are bound to get better'"; and

WHEREAS, Radio has advanced the cause of science even beyond the boundaries of planet Earth, as well enabling humanity to listen to radio waves emanating from distant planets and communicate with astronauts exploring space; which would otherwise be impossible; and

WHEREAS, On July 21, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong used radio communication to transmit a message from the surface of Earth's moon: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"; and

WHEREAS, Radio plays a vital role in safeguarding freedom of speech, press, and expression, as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and any efforts to censor radio undermine these fundamental freedoms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 13, 2026, as Radio 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; and the Yonkers Historical Society.