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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The Senate will come to order. 3 4 I ask everyone present to please 5 rise and repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance. 6 7 (Whereupon, the assemblage recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.) 8 9 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 10 you. We are being joined today for a 11 12 prayer by the Reverend Peter G. Young, of Mother Teresa Community, who you may have seen 13 14 on the Rachael Ray Show recently, as well as 15 on Channel 13, where they recognized all of his accomplishments and what he has done for 16 the jobless and people in New York State. 17 18 Father Young. 19 REVEREND YOUNG: Thank you, 20 Senator. 21 Let us pray. We're worried tonight because 22 we've been told that a freezing temperature 23 will threaten our plants. But we're reminded 24 that You, O God, provide for our future. 25 We

depend on Your help in all things. 1 2 Our Senators gather today as servants for our New York State citizens to 3 provide them with a quality of life that gives 4 5 them respect and happiness. We ask You, O God, to bless them in their legislative б 7 agenda and duties. 8 We also take great pride in our 9 St. Rose champions, the national soccer 10 champion, and congratulate them and bless them in their good work. 11 12 Amen. 13 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The reading of the Journal. 14 15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, 16 Tuesday, April 24th, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Monday, 17 18 April 23rd, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned. 19 20 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Without objection, the Journal stands approved 21 22 as read. 23 Presentation of petitions. Messages from the Assembly. 24 25 The Secretary will read.

1 On page 12, THE SECRETARY: 2 Senator Martins moves to discharge, from the Committee on Local Government, Assembly Bill 3 Number 9012 and substitute it for the identical 4 Senate Bill Number 6222, Third Reading Calendar 5 94. 6 7 And on page 15, Senator Gallivan 8 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, 9 Assembly Bill Number 8414A and substitute it for 10 the identical Senate Bill Number 6069A, Third Reading Calendar 238. 11 12 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The substitutions are so ordered. 13 Messages from the Governor. 14 15 Reports of standing committees. 16 Reports of select committees. 17 Communications and reports from 18 state officers. Motions and resolutions. 19 20 Senator Libous. 21 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, 22 Mr. President -- Madam President, excuse me. And, Madam President, could members 23 maybe take their seats. There's a lot of 24 25 commotion in the chamber this afternoon.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 2 you. Could we have some order in the chamber and less conversation. 3 4 Senator Libous. 5 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Madam President. 6 7 I have a number of procedural 8 motions today. 9 On behalf of Senator Bonacic, I 10 wish to call up his bill, Print 6113, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk. 11 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 12 Thank you. The Secretary will read. 13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 14 15 92, by Senator Bonacic, Senate Print 6113, an act to legalize, validate, and ratify. 16 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, 17 I now move to reconsider the vote by which this 18 bill was passed. 19 20 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the roll on reconsideration. 21 22 (The Secretary called the roll.) 23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 50. SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, 24 25 I now offer up the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 1 The 2 amendments are received. 3 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you. 4 On behalf of Senator Marcellino, 5 Madam President, on page 17 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 277, Senate Print 6 7 6481, and ask that said bill please retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar. 8 9 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The 10 amendments are received, and the bill will retain 11 its place on the Third Reading Calendar. 12 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Madam President. 13 On behalf of Senator Fuschillo, on 14 15 page 18 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 310, Senate Print 5012B, and ask 16 that said bill retain its place on the Third 17 18 Reading Calendar. 19 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The 20 amendments are received, and the bill will retain 21 its place on the Third Reading Calendar. 22 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, on page 24, on behalf of Senator Robach, I offer 23 the following amendments to Calendar Number 439, 24 25 Senate Print 4560, and ask that said bill retain

its place on the Third Reading Calendar. 1 2 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain 3 4 its place on the Third Reading Calendar. 5 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, on behalf of Senator DeFrancisco, I move that the 6 7 following bill be discharged from its respective 8 committee and be recommitted with instructions to 9 please strike the enacting clause. That's Senate 10 Print 5732A. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 11 So ordered. 12 Senator Libous. 13 14 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Madam 15 President. 16 Madam President, we have a special guest with us in the chamber. My colleagues, 17 18 today we have Shanika Bridges. And Shanika, 19 please stand. 20 Shanika is here today as one of my constituents. And she is from Newark Valley. 21 22 And Shanika is also the Miss Teenager of 23 New York. And she has a pretty remarkable 24 25 background, Madam President. And we can

understand why she took on 21 other teenagers 1 from across the state and came out number one. 2 She is a student of Ithaca College 3 4 and is studying premed. She's a devoted 5 community member. She volunteers by singing at the church and is a group leader at vacation 6 7 bible school. She serves as an interpreter, was an assistant coach for peewee cheerleading at 8 Newark Valley. She won the Miss Teen Tioga in 9 10 2011, and it inspired her to go on to the state level and be successful to be the Miss Teenager 11 of New York. 12 13 She has tremendous talent. Not 14 only was her educational speech at the pageant 15 about Type I diabetes, but she has inspired many through her talents. 16 She also sang a song, "You and I," 17 18 by Lady Gaga. And those who know me, Shanika, know that I had a Lady Gaga ring tone on my phone 19 20 for a number of years. So I certainly appreciate 21 that. She is here today with her mother, 22 Judy, and her father, Jeff. Let's give her a big 23 round of applause. 24 25 (Applause.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 2 you for joining us today. 3 Senator Libous. 4 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, 5 there's a resolution at the desk by Senator Breslin, Number 3235. It was previously adopted 6 7 by the house on February 15th. May we have the title read and call on Senator Breslin, who is 8 9 standing before us. 10 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 11 you. The Secretary will read the title 12 of the resolution. 13 14 THE SECRETARY: Legislative 15 Resolution Number 3235, by Senator Breslin, 16 congratulating the 2011 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team upon the occasion of 17 18 capturing of the NCAA Division II National 19 Championship. 20 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Senator 21 Breslin. 22 SENATOR BRESLIN: Thank you, Madam President. 23 24 The Capital District is well known 25 for athletic teams, but never before has the

Capital District had a national champion. 1 And 2 this past December, specifically on December 3rd, the College of St. Rose won the Division II 3 4 Women's National Soccer Championship. 5 It's extra special because the last three seasons they had lost in the semifinals. 6 7 So this is a long record of accomplishment. And this year they won 24 games, after a standard 8 9 that had never been achieved before of 23 in both 10 2009 and 2010. In the final game on December 3rd, 11 12 they were behind 1-0 through the first half. And their goalie, who's here with us today, Jessica 13 Gerski, who will be back, held off the opposition 14 in the final, allowing St. Rose to become 15 national champions. 16 And in the galleries with us today 17 18 are Laurie Darling Gutheil, the coach; President Mark Sullivan, the distinguished president of 19 20 St. Rose; Assistant Coaches Amanda Deck, Kalley Egbert, Jason Gutheil, Jim Lennox, Renae 21 Ransdell, Lauren Steinberg and Mark Van Leuven; 22 Head Trainer Karen Cravens and Assistant Trainers 23 Jessup Pierce and Lisa Geiger. And the team 24 25 members here with us today are Lauren Minkoff,

1 Melody Lawrence, Jessica, who I mentioned, the goalkeeper, Marisah Case, Jourdan Thompson, Niki 2 Smith, La'Quilla Upton, and Lana Vecchiarelli. 3 4 They are just accomplished. And 5 for the 11th straight year, they were recognized nationally as Academic All-Americans. 6 7 So let's give a round of applause 8 to the national champions in Women's Soccer 9 Division II. 10 (Applause.) ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 11 Thank 12 you, Senator Breslin. 13 It's my personal honor to be 14 presiding today, since I'm a graduate of the 15 College of St. Rose, and to welcome President Mark Sullivan, the coaches, and these wonderfully 16 talented women, academically and athletically, on 17 18 a really impressive and major achievement. 19 So congratulations, and we wish you 20 well. Thank you for joining us today. ("Thank you" from the gallery.) 21 22 (Laughter.) ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 23 Senator Skelos. 24 25 SENATOR SKELOS: Madam President,

1 there will be an immediate meeting of the Finance 2 Committee in Room 332, followed by a meeting of the Rules Committee. 3 4 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 5 you. There's an immediate meeting of the Finance Committee in Room 332, followed by a meeting of 6 7 the Rules Committee. 8 The Senate stands at ease. 9 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease 10 at 3:22 p.m.) (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 11 4:29 p.m.) 12 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 13 Senator 14 Libous. 15 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, I believe there's a report of the Rules Committee 16 at the desk. If we could have it read at this 17 18 time. 19 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: There is 20 a report of the Rules Committee. 21 The Secretary will read. 22 THE SECRETARY: Senator Skelos, from the Committee on Rules, reports the 23 following bills direct to third reading: 24 25 Senate Print 6182, by Senator

1 Klein, an act to amend the Education Law; and 2 Senate Print 6694A, by Senator Flanagan, an act to amend the Public Health Law. 3 4 Both bills reported directly to 5 third reading. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Senator 6 7 Libous. 8 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, 9 I move to accept the report of the Rules 10 Committee. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: All in 11 12 favor of accepting the Rules Committee report please signify by saying aye. 13 14 (Response of "Aye.") 15 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Those opposed, nay. 16 17 (No response.) 18 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The Rules report is accepted. 19 20 Senator Libous. 21 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, 22 before we go on to the noncontroversial reading of the calendar, I believe that you could call, 23 please, at this time on Senator Adams for the 24 25 purposes of an announcement.

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 1 you. First the Secretary will read the title of 2 the resolution. 3 4 THE SECRETARY: Legislative 5 Resolution Number 3512, by Senator Parker, honoring Ralph McDaniels upon the occasion of his 6 7 designation for special recognition by the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts. 8 9 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Senator 10 Adams. SENATOR ADAMS: 11 Thank you. Thank 12 you, Madam President. 13 We often recognize pioneers on this 14 floor, and I am just really just honored today to 15 recognize Ralph McDaniels. You know, many of you won't know 16 him -- but trust me, your children do. Ralph 17 18 McDaniels is a true visionary. You know, everyone has eyes, but visionaries can see a 19 20 vision far before many of us. He was the creator of "Video Music Box." 21 22 And when you look at what he did over 30 years ago, and the creation of allowing 23 young people a venue where they can play music, 24 25 they can hear music, it was an urban tone -- and

1	it really cascaded throughout the entire country.
2	He was an entrepreneur and
3	visionary who created the show, the first music
4	show focused exclusively to an urban market
5	broadcast on public television. He grew up in
6	Brooklyn and Queens. Ralph aspired to be a DJ.
7	He attended New York Institute of Technology,
8	where he studied communication, TV, film, and he
9	graduated in 1982.
10	It was at this time that he started
11	noticing an alarming array of talented hip-hop
12	artists continuously being rejected and
13	suppressed by mainstream media. And he wanted to
14	give those overlooked artists a platform where
15	they could be acknowledged by the consumers who
16	craved them.
17	It was not long before "Video Music
18	Box's" six-day, 60-minute public television
19	viewership began to grow far beyond what any of
20	the cable networks had expected. By 1995,
21	Billboard Magazine recognized the show and
22	awarded "Video Music Box" as the Best Local
23	R&B/Hip-hop Regional Show.
24	And he did so much more. And, you
25	know, we were actually high school colleagues, we

went to high school together. And I just watched 1 throughout the years, I used to just watch him as 2 he hid, between the music, he put a message. 3 He 4 talked about antiviolence, he talked about 5 domestic violence, he talked about the things that children need to do. So between them 6 7 popping their fingers, he was planting something 8 in their minds.

9 And he was just a giant among the 10 urban communities. And now he's known far beyond the urban communities. Many of the local areas 11 12 that you represent, if you were to go home and ask your son, your daughter, about Ralph 13 14 McDaniels, they would tell you he's a person that 15 planted the seed of opportunities into so many young people that wanted to participate in music 16 and what we can do with music. 17

18 And so we just really want to thank him. And I'm pretty sure those who are back in 19 20 my district, Senator Parker's district, and those of us who are from Brooklyn, he's one of 21 Brooklyn's own. We thank him for what he has 22 done throughout the years. And we believe that 23 he's going to continue to involve and do some 24 25 great things around music.

1 We need men like Ralph McDaniels more than ever now, because a countless number of 2 children who are latchkey kids are going home to 3 4 nothing of inspiration and they're receiving just 5 junk food for the mind. Ralph McDaniels has learned how to 6 7 take that junk food that one would perceive it to 8 be and implant something nourishing by telling 9 young people that they could do some great things 10 with a level of academics, a level of commitment, and a level of desire and compassion. And that's 11 12 what Ralph McDaniels is known for. 13 And so I want to thank him and, 14 with Senator Parker, who's not here, honor him 15 with this resolution. And I thank you, Madam President, for allowing me the opportunity 16 to do so. 17 18 DJ Ralph McDaniels, thank you. (Extended applause.) 19 20 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 21 you. 22 Senator Serrano. 23 SENATOR SERRANO: I don't have much to add to what Senator Adams said, but I 24 25 just wanted to mention that -- to thank

Mr. McDaniels as growing up -- I was in high 1 school in the late 1980s, and the first thing I 2 3 would do when I got home was to turn on "Video 4 Music Box." And it was on a UHF channel, so we 5 had to fiddle with the antenna to get it to come in just right. 6 7 But it was really a pioneering show because it was the entire spectrum of music. It 8 was definitely urban music, but he mixed it up. 9 10 And he put dance music and he put things that we had never heard of before. So those of us, a kid 11 12 like myself growing up in the Bronx, we were exposed to music from everywhere, artists I had 13 never heard of before. 14 15 And it was really enlightening, and it was a lot of fun, and it was good music. And 16 I think a lot of music shows today could learn a 17 18 lot from the format, the very simple format and the interviews that he did with artists. 19 It was 20 really amazing, and it was a wonderful show. 21 Congratulations. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 22 Thank 23 you, Senator Serrano. Senator Smith on the resolution. 24 25 SENATOR SMITH: Yes, thank you

1 very much, Madam President.

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2	And let me thank Senator Parker and
3	also Senator Adams for bringing this resolution
4	forward.
5	As I was growing up, Brother
6	McDaniels, most people thought that I didn't know
7	how to dance. But it was your music that moved
8	me through some moments. As a matter of fact, my
9	wife of 26 years is as a result of your music one
10	day. But that's another subject.
11	But I will tell you that many of
12	us, as Senator Adams indicated, that would not
13	know of Ralph McDaniels, but many of us do. We
14	grew up to your music. We grew up to your
15	message. We grew up to all that you told so many
16	of us.
17	And not just in the music by virtue
18	of how great the rhythm was, but the message you
19	had about being successful and who we should be.
20	Which is why many of us on this side of the aisle
21	grew up to your music, and we probably can
22	attribute most of our success to you.
23	And so it's actually very much of
24	an honor to be able to stand on this floor. And
25	I'm so happy to see you personally. I've heard

so much of you and so much about you and grew up 1 on your music. And as we called it, "the Box," 2 it did so much for many of us. 3 4 So to my colleagues that are here, 5 you are in the presence of a giant. You are in the presence of a treasure. So I would only ask 6 7 that, not to disturb the floor that much, but you should run over and get your picture. It may 8 have value to you in this coming season that we 9 10 may be in. 11 (Laughter.) 12 SENATOR SMITH: So congratulations 13 to you. And, Senator Adams, thanks so much 14 15 for bringing this forward. 16 Thank you, Madam President. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank 17 18 you, Senator Smith. 19 This resolution was previously 20 adopted by the Senate on March 13th. 21 And I thank Mr. McDaniels for 22 joining us today and would like to really congratulate him on this very special recognition 23 for his wonderful music. Thank you. 24 25 Senator Libous.

1 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, 2 if we could go back to motions, I have a motion before me on behalf of Senator DeFrancisco. 3 4 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Motions 5 and resolutions. Senator Libous. б 7 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, 8 Madam President. 9 On behalf of Senator DeFrancisco, 10 on page 24 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 451, Senate Print 6642, and ask 11 12 that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar. 13 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 14 Thank 15 you. The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on the Third Reading 16 Calendar. 17 18 Senator Libous. 19 SENATOR LIBOUS: Madam President, 20 at this time could we have the noncontroversial reading of the calendar, please. 21 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 22 Thank you. The Secretary will read. 23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 24 25 89, by Senator McDonald, Senate Print 4525C, an

1 act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law. 2 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Read the 3 last section. THE SECRETARY: Section 12. This 4 5 act shall take effect immediately. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the 6 7 roll. 8 (The Secretary called the roll.) 9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. 10 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill is passed. 11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 12 94, substituted earlier by Member of the Assembly 13 Weisenberg, Assembly Print Number 9012, an act to 14 15 amend the Real Property Tax Law. 16 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Read the last section. 17 18 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 19 20 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the 21 roll. 22 (The Secretary called the roll.) 23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. 24 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill 25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 2 220, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 6078B, an act to authorize the Town of Frankfort. 3 4 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: There is 5 a home-rule message at the desk. Read the last section. 6 7 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This 8 act shall take effect immediately. 9 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the 10 roll. (The Secretary called the roll.) 11 12 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Announce the results. 13 14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56. Nays, 15 1. Senator Duane recorded in the negative. 16 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill is passed. 17 18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 238, substituted earlier by Member of the 19 20 Assembly Paulin, Assembly Print 8414A, an act to 21 amend the Public Health Law. 22 SENATOR LIBOUS: Lay it aside for the day, please. 23 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill 24 25 is laid aside for the day.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 2 349, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 4407, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law. 3 4 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Read the 5 last section. THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This 6 7 act shall take effect on the 180th day. 8 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the 9 roll. 10 (The Secretary called the roll.) ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Announce 11 the results. 12 13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill 14 15 is passed. 16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 354, by Senator Huntley, Senate Print 3078, an 17 18 act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Read the 19 20 last section. 21 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This 22 act shall take effect immediately. 23 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the roll. 24 25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Announce 2 the results. 3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. 4 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill 5 is passed. б THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 7 388, by Senator DeFrancisco, Senate Print 6395B, 8 an act to amend the Education Law. 9 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Read the 10 last section. THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This 11 act shall take effect immediately. 12 13 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the roll. 14 15 (The Secretary called the roll.) 16 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Announce 17 the results. 18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill 19 20 is passed. 21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 391, by Senator Hannon, Senate Print 1922, an act 22 to amend the Family Court Act. 23 24 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Read the 25 last section.

1 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This 2 act shall take effect on the first of January. 3 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Call the roll. 4 5 (The Secretary called the roll.) ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Announce б 7 the results. 8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. 9 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill 10 is passed. THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 11 454, by Senator Ritchie, Senate Print 5159, an 12 act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law. 13 SENATOR LIBOUS: Lay it aside for 14 15 the day, please. 16 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The bill is laid aside for the day. 17 18 Senator Libous, that completes the reading of the noncontroversial calendar. 19 20 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, 21 Madam President. 22 Is there any further business at 23 the desk? 24 ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: No, there is no further business at the desk. 25

Madam President, SENATOR LIBOUS: there being no further business, I move that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, April 26th, at 11:00 a.m. ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank you. On motion, the Senate stands adjourned б until Thursday, April 26th, at 11:00 a.m. (Whereupon, at 4:41 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)