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18 SENATOR JOSEPH GRIFFO, Acting President

19 FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
3 Senate will come to order.

4 I ask all present to please rise and
5 join with me as we recite the Pledge of
6 Allegiance to our Flag.

7 (Whereupon, the assemblage recited
8 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Today's
10 prayer will be offered by the Reverend Peter G.
11 Young, of the Mother Teresa Community here in
12 Albany.

13 Father?

14 REVEREND YOUNG: Thank you,
15 Senator.

16 To our Senate members and to a
17 Senator from the area of Rome, New York,
18 New Yorkers saw the christening of the American
19 flag when the Stars and Stripes were first flown
20 in battle at the defense of Fort Stanwix in Rome,
21 New York.

22 It is with great pride that we are
23 able to serve as Senators in this patriotic
24 tradition as the elected leaders to fulfill Your
25 call, O God, of leadership to all of our citizens

1 of this great eternal state.

2 Now and forever, amen.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
4 you, Father Young.

5 The reading of the Journal.

6 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
7 February 10th, the Senate met pursuant to
8 adjournment. The Journal of Friday,
9 February 7th, was read and approved. On motion,
10 Senate adjourned.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without
12 objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

13 Presentation of petitions.

14 Messages from the Assembly.

15 Messages from the Governor.

16 Reports of standing committees.

17 Reports of select committees.

18 Communications and reports from
19 state officers.

20 Motions and resolutions.

21 Senator Libous.

22 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President, on
23 behalf of Senator Marchione, I move that the
24 following bill be discharged from its respective
25 committee and be recommitted with instructions to

1 strike the enacting clause. That would be Senate
2 5454B, and that's on behalf of Senator Marchione.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: It is so
4 ordered.

5 SENATOR LIBOUS: Okay.
6 Mr. President, at this time I'd like to adopt the
7 Resolution Calendar, with the exception of
8 Resolutions 3422, by Senator Hassell-Thompson,
9 3427, by Senator Ranzenhofer, 3496, by Senator
10 Hannon, and 3505, by Senator Kennedy.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in
12 favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with
13 the exception of Resolutions 3422, 3427, 3496,
14 and 3505 signify by saying aye.

15 (Response of "Aye.")

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
19 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

20 Senator Libous.

21 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

23 At this time, Mr. President, we'd
24 like to take up Resolution Number 3386, by
25 Senator Gipson, have the title read, and I

1 believe Senator Gipson would like to speak.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
3 Secretary will read.

4 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
5 Resolution Number 3386, by Senator Gipson,
6 mourning the death of Pete Seeger, distinguished
7 citizen and devoted member of his community.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
9 Gipson.

10 SENATOR GIPSON: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 I'd like to take this opportunity to
13 memorialize and celebrate the life of Pete
14 Seeger, a great American, a person who provided
15 the soundtrack that we will remember for decades,
16 the advocate for so many important causes.

17 I think it's so important that we're
18 doing this recognition of his life today because
19 today happens to be the Lobby Day for Future
20 Farmers of America. And of all of the causes
21 that Pete stood for, the one that I believe he
22 will be most remembered for here in the region of
23 the Hudson Valley, which I represent, and where
24 he lived, was protecting our water supply.

25 And as those who are watching from

1 the gallery today from Future Farmers of America
2 understand, protecting our water supply is
3 critical to being able to provide the food that
4 we need to survive and the economic benefits that
5 we will all cherish as we move forward.

6 Pete Seeger taught us over and over
7 again that protecting the water is critical to
8 our life, that polluting the water is something
9 that should just absolutely be unacceptable.

10 When Pete first took up the cause of
11 fighting for clean water, the Hudson River, which
12 provides drinking water to so many people in the
13 Hudson Valley, was essentially polluted beyond
14 recognition. You couldn't swim in it, you
15 couldn't drink it, you couldn't fish in it, it
16 was a wasteland.

17 And through his advocacy and through
18 so many people that joined him in that effort,
19 over the years the Hudson River was cleaned up,
20 and now, now that water is usable for so many
21 things that it could not be used for in the past.

22 So on this day of all days, I hope
23 that we will remember that as his memory lives
24 on, I hope that we can remember to protect our
25 water, to allow it not to be used for anything

1 other than serving mankind in the most beneficial
2 ways possible.

3 The last time I saw Pete Seeger was
4 at a veterans event that I hosted in my district
5 a few months ago. He was a World War II veteran.
6 A lot of people didn't know that, but he was a
7 World War II veteran that served his country.
8 And the last time I saw him, he told me that he
9 regretted that he did not bring his banjo to my
10 event; he didn't realize that there were going to
11 be so many World War II veterans there.

12 His job during World War II was to
13 take his banjo around to all the various troops
14 and entertain them, entertain them while they
15 were on the battlefield. And he told me that if
16 he'd have known there were going to be so many
17 people there, he would have brought his banjo and
18 he would have played tunes. And he hoped so much
19 that he could come against next year.

20 He won't be able to come again next
21 year, unfortunately, but his memory will live on.

22 Thank you, Mr. President, for this
23 opportunity to remember Pete Seeger.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
25 you, Senator Gipson.

1 The resolution was adopted on
2 February 4th of this year, 2014.

3 Senator Hannon.

4 SENATOR HANNON: Mr. President,
5 could we take up Resolution 3427, by Senator
6 Ranzenhofer. May we read that in its entirety,
7 and then the Senator would like to speak on it.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
9 Secretary will read the resolution.

10 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
11 Resolution Number 3427, commemorating the fifth
12 anniversary of the crash of Continental Airlines
13 Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, New York, to be
14 observed February 12, 2014.

15 "WHEREAS, It is the custom of this
16 Legislative Body to commemorate the fifth
17 anniversary of the crash of Continental Airlines
18 Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, New York, to be
19 observed February 12, 2014; and

20 "WHEREAS, On Thursday, February 12,
21 2009, Continental Airlines Flight 3407 was
22 en route from Newark, New Jersey, when it went
23 down approximately seven miles from Buffalo
24 Niagara International Airport at around
25 10:20 p.m.; and

1 "WHEREAS, A 74-seat turboprop,
2 Continental Airlines Flight 3407 crashed into a
3 home in Clarence Center, New York, taking the
4 lives of all 44 passengers, as well as five crew
5 members and one person in the house; and

6 "WHEREAS, The passengers on board
7 Continental Airlines Flight 3407 from the Buffalo
8 region were: David Borner, Linda Davidson, Ron
9 Davidson, Alison Des Forges, John Fiore, Brad
10 Green, Zhaofang Guo, Steve Johnson, Kevin
11 Johnston, Ellyce Kausner, Nicole Korczykowski,
12 Jerome Krauski, Brian Kuklewicz, Bethany Kushner,
13 Donald McDonald, Dawn Monachino, Jennifer Neill,
14 Mary Pettys, Darren Tolsma, Susan Wehele and
15 Ernest West; and

16 "WHEREAS, The other passengers on
17 board Continental Airlines Flight 3407 were:
18 Mary Abraham, George Abu-Karem, Larry Beutel,
19 Beverly Eckert, Ron Gonzalez, Ruth Harel-Katz,
20 Georges Kann, Sean Lang, Madeline Loftus, Lorin
21 Maurer, Coleman Mellet, Dawn Mossop, Donald
22 Mossop, Shawn Mossop, Gerry Niewood, Jonathan
23 Perry, Ferris Reid, Julie Ries, John Roberts,
24 Kristen Safran, Jean Srnecz, Shibin Yao and
25 Clay Yarbor; and

1 "WHEREAS, The crew members of
2 Continental Airlines Flight 3407 were Flight
3 Attendants Donna Prisco and Matilda Quintero;
4 First Officer Rebecca Shaw; Captain Marvin
5 Renslow; and Captain (Off Duty) Joseph
6 Zuffoletto; and Douglas Wielinski was in his home
7 when the plane went down; and

8 "WHEREAS, In addition, four people
9 were injured at the crash site, including a
10 mother and daughter inside the residence; two
11 firefighters also received medical attention for
12 smoke inhalation and minor injuries; and

13 "WHEREAS, Upon the occasion of the
14 fifth anniversary of the crash of Continental
15 Airlines Flight 3407, it is the sense of this
16 Legislative Body to join the Clarence Center
17 community and the people of the State of New York
18 in commemoration of this tragic event of such
19 meaningful significance to the families of those
20 who died on February 12, 2009; now, therefore, be
21 it

22 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative
23 Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate
24 the fifth anniversary of the crash of Continental
25 Airlines Flight 3407 in Clarence Center,

1 New York, to be observed February 12, 2014; and
2 be it further

3 "RESOLVED, That copies of this
4 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
5 the families of the victims of the Continental
6 Airlines Flight 3407 tragedy."

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
8 Ranzenhofer.

9 SENATOR RANZENHOFER: Thank you,
10 Mr. President.

11 I rise today with much sadness but
12 also with much pride as we commemorate the fifth
13 anniversary of the Flight 3407 crash in Clarence,
14 New York.

15 You know, this was just shortly
16 after I took office as a Senator, about five and
17 a half weeks into my term, when we learned about
18 the tragedy that visited Clarence, New York, on
19 that fateful evening. There was a passenger
20 plane from Newark that was coming into Buffalo
21 which unfortunately went down, and there were no
22 survivors.

23 And as we are here today
24 commemorating that event, there's a lot of
25 sadness that flows through my heart and my mind

1 as I think back on those really awful days
2 following the crash. And I was out there at the
3 scene really looking at the heroic efforts of the
4 firefighters, particularly the Clarence Center
5 Fire Company, the Buffalo Fire Company, who
6 really did a tremendous amount of work in a very,
7 very difficult and very tragic situation.

8 As I reflect five years later, I
9 have a tremendous amount of pride for the
10 victims' families. And this was a very personal
11 event for me. We are a small community. On that
12 plane was a young lady who had interned in our
13 office when I was with the county legislature,
14 and was a student in law school. There was a man
15 who lived in my neighborhood who was my
16 daughter's soccer coach. So these were just not
17 names on a flight itinerary, these were people
18 that were the fabric of our community who we
19 actually knew, who we actually interacted with.

20 And the families of the victims are
21 really to be commended for their advocacy. There
22 is a beautiful memorial at the site where the
23 plane went down, where the tragedy occurred. But
24 more importantly, these families have fought on
25 in the halls of Congress to really make a

1 difference for flight safety, not only for
2 members of my community but for all of New York
3 and the United States.

4 The advocacy that they have been
5 able to push forward has changed the amount of
6 flight training that is now required for pilots.
7 One of the problems in this particular situation
8 was the lack of training and experience that
9 these pilots and copilots had. And they've not
10 just sat back and let this happen, they've made
11 sure that these type of events, because of lack
12 of training and because of lack of safety, will
13 not happen again, and that other families will
14 not have to be really devastated as these
15 families were in Clarence, New York.

16 So as we sit here today, I know back
17 home there is an event commemorating this event.
18 My heart and my prayers go out to the families of
19 the victims and to the entire Clarence Center,
20 Clarence, and all the Western New York community.

21 So thank you very much,
22 Mr. President, for allowing me to comment on this
23 today. Thank you.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
25 you, Senator Ranzenhofer.

1 The question is on the resolution.

2 All in favor signify by saying aye.

3 (Response of "Aye.")

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
7 resolution is adopted.

8 Senator Hannon.

9 SENATOR HANNON: Mr. President,
10 we'd like to open the resolution up and put
11 everybody on it unless -- and if they feel
12 otherwise, please notify the desk.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So noted.

14 The resolution is open for
15 cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a
16 cosponsor, please notify the desk.

17 Senator Hannon.

18 SENATOR HANNON: Could we now take
19 up Resolution 3496 and read the title, please.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
21 Secretary will read.

22 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
23 Resolution Number 3496, by Senator Hannon,
24 memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to
25 proclaim February 2014 as Oral Health Awareness

1 Month in the State of New York.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
3 Hannon.

4 SENATOR HANNON: Could we open that
5 up for sponsorship and put everybody on it, the
6 worthy goal of oral health in New York State.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: We can.
8 First let me call the question on the resolution.

9 SENATOR HANNON: Thank you.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in
11 favor of the resolution signify by saying aye.

12 (Response of "Aye.")

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
16 resolution is adopted.

17 And the sponsor has opened it up for
18 cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a
19 cosponsor, please notify the desk.

20 Senator Hannon.

21 SENATOR HANNON: Could we now take
22 up Resolution 3422, by Senator Hassell-Thompson,
23 and read the title, please.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
25 Secretary will read.

1 SENATOR HANNON: And Senator
2 Hassell-Thompson would like to speak on the
3 resolution.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So noted.
5 The Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
7 Resolution Number 3422, by Senator
8 Hassell-Thompson, honoring Claude Long upon the
9 occasion of his designation as recipient of the
10 Outstanding Bellman of the Year Award by the
11 New York State Hospitality and Tourism
12 Association.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
14 Hassell-Thompson on the resolution.

15 SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON: Thank
16 you, Mr. President.

17 I rise to congratulate Claude Long
18 of the Albany Hilton Hotel, who has been honored
19 as the Outstanding Bellman of the Year.

20 And you may say why in this chamber
21 would I honor a bellman. Well, his story could
22 have been very different. Long's honor is all
23 the more noteworthy considering his past. He
24 grew up in Brooklyn, became addicted to crack
25 cocaine, spent five years in state prison after

1 being convicted of robbery to support his drug
2 habit. He was paroled in 1997 to the Reverend
3 Peter Young's recovery program here in Albany,
4 where he trained in the hospitality industry.
5 And he has been clean and sober for 19 years.

6 This could have been, as I said, a
7 very different story. Claude was selected out of
8 bellmen from 1200 member hotels across the State
9 of New York. And this was a highly competitive
10 field that included some of the best bellmen from
11 world-class hotels throughout the City. And yet
12 he distinguished himself here in Albany for his
13 exuberance, his attention to detail, his kindness
14 and his sincerity.

15 Claude is an example of what can
16 happen when given a second chance, and he has
17 demonstrated that he is worthy of having been
18 given this second chance. And as he pursues this
19 career, he's so understated, but he brought to my
20 attention how excited he was to be given a
21 weekend at one of the hotels here in Albany. And
22 while that might not be a big thing to a lot of
23 you, to him it's one of the greatest honors he's
24 ever received in his life. And he said: "At
25 least I don't have to carry my own luggage."

1 So I stand before you today to say
2 that he is a perfect example of the kinds of
3 things that I fight for, to give a second chance
4 to people who demonstrate that they are
5 deserving. And so today I honor, along with the
6 hotel industry, Claude Long.

7 Thank you, Mr. President.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
9 you, Senator Hassell-Thompson.

10 The question is on the resolution.
11 All in favor signify by saying aye.

12 (Response of "Aye.")

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
16 resolution is adopted.

17 Senator Hannon.

18 SENATOR HANNON: Mr. President, I'd
19 like to announce that there will be a meeting of
20 the Higher Education Committee at 11:30 a.m. in
21 Room 807 in the Legislative Office Building.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There
23 will be a meeting of the Higher Ed Committee of
24 the Senate in Room 807 in the Legislative Office
25 Building at 11:30, or following session.

1 Senator Hannon.

2 SENATOR HANNON: Now may we take up
3 Resolution 3505, by Senator Kennedy, read the
4 title, and I ask that you would allow Senator
5 Kennedy to speak on the resolution.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
7 Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
9 Resolution Number 3505, mourning the death of
10 Donald F. Kane, Sr., influential community leader
11 and honorable United States Navy veteran.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
13 Kennedy.

14 SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

16 I rise today to honor a great
17 Western New Yorker and a lifelong resident of
18 South Buffalo who passed away on February 3,
19 2014.

20 Donald Kane, an honorable veteran
21 and influential community leader, was born in
22 Buffalo 87 years ago. A member of the Greatest
23 Generation, he proudly served our nation in the
24 U.S. Navy during World War II. He later attended
25 Canisius College in Buffalo on the GI Bill.

1 After college, Donald began working
2 as secretary to South District Council Member
3 Andrew Morrissey, his first foray into public
4 service but certainly not his last. Donald then
5 served as director of recreation and then parks
6 commissioner under Buffalo Mayor Frank A. Sedita.

7 He later worked as executive
8 director of the Buffalo Municipal Housing
9 Authority and executive secretary of the Erie
10 County Water Authority. The Water Authority
11 Testing Headquarters in Lackawanna is named for
12 Donald Kane, to celebrate his commitment to
13 public service and his commitment to our
14 community.

15 Donald made it his life's work to
16 bring the community together. He organized
17 social gatherings of political, governmental and
18 community leaders in Western New York, fostering
19 communication between all levels of government
20 and their constituencies.

21 Donald was married to his wife,
22 Patricia, for 52 years before her passing. His
23 legacy is carried on by his daughter, former
24 South District councilwoman and representative
25 for U.S. Congressman Brian Higgins, Bonnie Kane

1 Lockwood, and his four sons, John Kennedy, James
2 Michael, Patrick Timothy, and Donald Francis,
3 Jr., along with 14 grandchildren, including
4 Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks, who is
5 now representing the United States in Russia as
6 part of the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team.

7 Today we remember Donald F. Kane,
8 Sr. He left us in body, but his life of service
9 will always be remembered and will endure and
10 will remain as a comforting memory to those who
11 knew him. We salute his service to our
12 community, his dedication to our country, and we
13 send our thoughts and prayers to his family. May
14 he rest in peace.

15 Thank you, Mr. President.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
17 you, Senator Kennedy.

18 The question is on the resolution.
19 All in favor signify by saying aye.

20 (Response of "Aye.")

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
24 resolution is adopted.

25 Senator Hannon.

1 SENATOR HANNON: Mr. President, I'd
2 like you to call on Senator Montgomery to speak
3 on Resolution 3367, which had been previously
4 adopted in this chamber on the 4th of February.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
6 Secretary will read the title.

7 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
8 Resolution Number 3367, by Senator Montgomery,
9 commemorating the 10th anniversary of the
10 Brooklyn Queens Land Trust.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
12 Montgomery on the resolution.

13 SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Yes, thank
14 you, Mr. President.

15 I rise to really commemorate the
16 National Land Trust Alliance, which in this
17 country was founded 25 years ago to save the
18 places in our nation that people love. They have
19 been saving them through a very, very active
20 program of land conservation throughout the
21 country.

22 The national conservation community
23 is now 1.5 million people strong who work to
24 permanently save our most valued natural resource
25 across America. These are millions of acres of

1 land saved, made up of farms, historic sites,
2 mountains, forests, rivers, wetlands and
3 certainly urban gardens, as in my own district.

4 New York State has 97 land trusts
5 with 170,000 acres owned and more than 800,000
6 acres being conserved by other means, making up a
7 total of almost a million acres of land in our
8 state.

9 The support of the community gardens
10 in Brooklyn and Queens is through the Brooklyn
11 Queens Land Trust. This is an urban
12 community-based organization which stands out as
13 the owner of 32 community gardens, many of them
14 in my own Senate district.

15 Under the able direction of
16 Demetrice Mills, who is the president of the
17 Brooklyn Queens Land Trust, this organization
18 encompasses 3.5 acres of open space. The
19 Brooklyn Queens Land Trust boasts 600 board
20 members, gardeners and supporters like myself who
21 value and enjoy the small sanctuaries that are
22 our community gardens.

23 Mr. President, I thank you for
24 allowing me to take this moment in this chamber
25 to honor this extremely important organization,

1 the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust, as well as the
2 National Land Trust Alliance of America.

3 Thank you, Mr. President.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
5 you, Senator Montgomery.

6 As noted, the resolution was adopted
7 on February 4th of 2014.

8 Senator Hannon.

9 SENATOR HANNON: Yes, Mr. President.
10 If we could also take up another important
11 resolution by Senator Montgomery and allow her to
12 speak on that. This would be Resolution 3415,
13 which was previously adopted on February 4th of
14 this year.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
16 Secretary will read the title.

17 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
18 Resolution Number 3415, by Senator Montgomery,
19 commemorating the 100th anniversary of Public
20 School No. 172 in Brooklyn, New York.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
22 Montgomery on the resolution.

23 SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Thank you,
24 Mr. President.

25 I rise again to honor and

1 commemorate the 100th anniversary of a very
2 special school in my district. It's Public
3 School 172 in Brooklyn, in Sunset Park in
4 Brooklyn.

5 P.S. 172 opened on February 2, 1914,
6 before any of us in this room were born and
7 certainly anyone in that school was born. The
8 purpose of this school was to educate children of
9 immigrant families at that time who had moved to
10 South Brooklyn from places like Italy and Poland,
11 Sweden and Ireland and Germany. Today the school
12 continues to educate the children of immigrants
13 from Mexico, South America, the Middle East and
14 the Caribbean.

15 Over the past 100 years, P.S. 172
16 has continued its dedication to education and
17 achievement. It has won citywide attention for
18 the high test scores of its students, and
19 recently P.S. 172 earned the National Blue Ribbon
20 Award for academic excellence from the U.S.
21 Department of Education.

22 This school, P.S. 172, has been run
23 under the luminous direction of Mr. Jack Spatola,
24 who emphasizes in his school professional
25 development of teachers and very close support

1 and monitoring of students to make sure that they
2 are successful in their educational growth and
3 establishing standards and building skills which
4 will carry students from P.S. 172 to a successful
5 future in their lives.

6 P.S. 172 is very eager to fulfill
7 its commitment to parents, students, and
8 community. This year, all year, they will be
9 commemorating this very remarkable history of
10 100 years. During this time, there will be many
11 celebrations at P.S. 172. And so ours today is
12 our celebration of this wonderful school and its
13 contributions to our community, to the children,
14 and to the parents who have had their children in
15 P.S. 172.

16 We commemorate them on their
17 history, we congratulate them, and we are
18 thankful to educational leaders like Mr. Spatola,
19 who has brought that school into the 21st century
20 for a very, very successful educational
21 institution.

22 Thank you, Mr. President, for
23 allowing me to take a moment to commemorate the
24 history and success of P.S. 172 in the Borough of
25 Brooklyn.

1 Thank you.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
3 you, Senator Montgomery.

4 As noted, the resolution has been
5 previously adopted on February 4th of 2014.

6 Senator Hannon.

7 SENATOR HANNON: Mr. President,
8 before I ask if you there's any further business
9 at the desk, just to remind people who are on the
10 Higher Education Committee that there's a meeting
11 in Room 807 in the LOB, and second, to note for
12 the desk that pursuant to the rules of the
13 Senate, those members who are at the hearings
14 over in the Legislative Office Building on the
15 budget will be so noted in the record.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So noted.

17 Senator Hannon.

18 SENATOR HANNON: Is there any
19 further business at the desk?

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is
21 no further business before the desk.

22 SENATOR HANNON: I make a motion to
23 adjourn until February 26th, at 3:00 p.m., with
24 the intervening days being legislative days.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The

1 Senate Higher Education Committee will be meeting
2 in Room 807 in the Legislative Office Building.

3 On motion, the Senate stands
4 adjourned until Wednesday, February 26th, at
5 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative
6 days. Senate adjourned.

7 (Whereupon, at 11:35 a.m., the
8 Senate adjourned.)

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