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SENATOR JOSEPH GRIFFO, Acting President

FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Senate will come to order.

I ask all to please rise as the Department of Correctional Services' Attica correctional officers will post the colors.

Rise for the presentation.

(The Color Guard entered the chamber and proceeded to the center, posting the colors.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Please join with me as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Color Guard, retire the colors.

(The Color Guard exited the chamber.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Today's invocation will be offered by the Reverend Edward Kacerguis, pastor of University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice Church in Troy.

Reverend?

REVEREND KACERGUIS: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord of all creation. We give You praise and thanks for this day, our Empire State, and our nation.

We ask a special blessing on this legislative body as they come together to do the people's work. Each member represents a constituency from which they have been selected by the people to conduct their business. May they always be mindful of those back home.

Let them be leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our souls, and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

Let the representatives of this body work with all the members so that our resources will be wisely used for our people. Give them insight enough to be leaders who can tell strength from power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance, and that real greatness comes from humility.

We trust You, ever-present Lord, to open the hearts of all our citizens, to learn from those who speak in different tongues and whose views differ. Let this Senate give the vision we need as a people to know true

leadership and where it lies and pursue it diligently for the protection of all.

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through You authority is rightly administered, laws enacted, and judgment decreed. Assist with Your spirit of counsel and fortitude our Senate gathered here.

May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice, compassion and mercy, and grant that they may be enabled by Your powerful protection to lead our Empire State with honesty and integrity.

Blessed are You, Lord, now and forever. Amen.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, May 14th, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, May 13th, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without objection, the Journal will stand approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: On page 44, Senator Croci moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 4827A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 936A, Third Reading Calendar 779.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The substitution is so ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 5249, 5148, and 5122.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 5249, 5148, and 5122, signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Resolution Calendar is adopted as indicated.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Now I have some motions.

On page 70, I offer the following amendments to Calendar 1147, Senate Print 2621, by Senator Serino, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received. The bill shall retain its place on third reading.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I wish to call up Senator Ortt's bill, Print 685A, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 170, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 685A, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Finally, I wish to call up Senator Serino's bill, Print 7171, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 403, by Senator Serino, Senate Print 7171, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could you please recognize the Senate floor leader, Senator Klein.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Kaminsky, I move that the following bill be discharged from its respective committee and be recommitted with instructions to strike the enacting clause: Senate Bill 8521.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: It is so ordered.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we now take up previously adopted Resolution 4966, by Senator Gallivan, title only, and call on Senator Gallivan to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 4966, by Senator Gallivan, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 6-12, 2018, as Correctional Officers and Employees Week in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator

Gallivan.

SENATOR GALLIVAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to welcome members of the Color Guard from the Attica Correctional Facility in Wyoming County, the heart of the 59th Senate District, and their fellow correction officers from around the state, to the Senate chamber.

Thank all of you for being here to represent all of your colleagues, the tens of thousands across the state. As chair of the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections, I visited many of our correctional facilities across the state and have had the privilege of meeting with thousands of officers and employees.

If you've ever visited any of these facilities, you know that these men and women face many challenges. Their jobs are demanding, difficult, and often at times dangerous. As someone who spent most of my adult life in law enforcement, I believe that those who work in our jails and prisons across the state have among the hardest jobs in the criminal justice and public safety world.

These dedicated officers and employees are responsible for the care, custody, and security of tens of thousands of inmates. It's a thankless job that most of us don't often think about. But it's critical in protecting our communities and our residents.

Many of these men and women also work hard to help inmates restore their lives and become productive members of society.

As a legislature, we must protect them. We must work to ensure their safety, to keep contraband out of facilities, to limit the record number of assaults that are taking place. And many of us in here have done just that and will continue to do so. You have my pledge on that.

It's very appropriate that we recognize our public servants that are here today, members of NYSCOPBA, the correction officers and employees across the state. And I am very proud to call upon the Governor to proclaim this as Correctional Officers and Employees Week in the State of New York.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Gallivan.

On behalf of the Senate, we want to extend a very warm welcome to all of you that are here from the Department of Corrections today.

We also want to express our sincere appreciation and extend to you our best wishes for your dedication and commitment to the State of New York. We wish you well, and God bless all of you.

Please rise and recognize these distinguished public servants.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, could we now take up Resolution 5148, by Senator Peralta, title only, and call on Senator Peralta to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Before I do that, I will just remind everyone that Senator Gallivan has opened up his resolution for cosponsorship. If you choose to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative

Resolution Number 5148, by Senator Peralta, welcoming the students and faculty of the Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf as they visit Albany, New York, on May 15, 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes. Can we lay that aside for a moment.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: It will be laid aside temporarily.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: No -- no, I don't want to lay it aside. Would you please call on -- no, we want to lay it aside. The sponsor is not ready at this moment.

Therefore, would you please take up Resolution 5249, by Senator Flanagan, read it in its entirety, and call on Senator Larkin to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So for your information, Resolution 5148 is laid aside temporarily.

And we will now go to the Secretary to read Resolution 5249.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 5249, by Senator Flanagan,

honoring the distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame, to be celebrated May 15, 2018.

"WHEREAS, Members of the armed services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

"WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame to be celebrated on May 15, 2018; and

"WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame inductees are members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, which include Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Marine Corps; these exceptional men and women are chosen for this prestigious honor based on either service in combat or notable work

performed after discharge from the service; and

"WHEREAS, The 2018 inductees include: Hector F. Alvarado, Joseph H. Brady, Cleopatra Brown, Mario Buonpane, Harold Burke, Jr., Edward L. Butts, Jr., Peter Carlo, Mary E. Cavanagh, Roberto Clotter, Sydney Cole, Frank Colon, Jr., Leonard B. Connelly, Claude S. Copeland, Jr., Patrick J. Cunningham, Peter Cuthbert, Elana Duffy, Lakia T. Echols, Ralph Esposito, Edward Field, Russel C. Fielding, Armando 'Chick' Gallella, Tessie Shirley Pierce Garber, Peter J. Glennon, Marlene Dietrich Heath, Rheyser Henry, Thomas F. Higgins, Samuel Hill, Jr., Daniel Izzo, Jason Kaatz, James M. Kennedy, Stephen M. Kinne, M.D., Francis M. 'Frank' La Duc, Megan Leavey, John Martinko, Lewis W. Matthews, Sr., Thomas A. McMillen, Joseph Mondello, Thomas J. 'Tailspin' Morley, Jr., Lawrence C. Parry, Richard Pecci, Concepcion 'Connie' Ranocchia, Kristyn Briez Reed, Nelson Eddy Rivera, Jorge L. Rosario, Henry Rosenzweig, Sr., John N. Sollazzo, Bernard L. 'Ben' Thompson, Warren A. Thompson, Allen Wanderlich, Eric C. Weber, David Zapsky, and Mario A. Zorovic; and

"WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will

always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

"WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans comes at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country; and

"WHEREAS, Our nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their nation; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on May 15, 2018; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2018 inductees."

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Larkin.

SENATOR LARKIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today was a great day for veterans. Some of you youngsters here -- that means you, Michael -- could look at some of us older guys when they used to call veterans somebody who got a piece in the mail that said "Report."

But today we look at a veteran, they are an all-volunteer force. This is the force that says we will not let you trod your feet on our lands, ruin the life of our Americans, and we will defend it to the last.

And I don't mean to brag or anything, but when you saw today there was two gentlemen a hundred years of age -- 100 years. And if you saw what they went through in a prisoner of war camp in Germany, and the other in Korea. Four days in combat, they were overrun. And he spent 36 months as a prisoner of war.

Somebody comes by today and says: "Did you serve in the service?" On the cap it says "POW."

We need to educate our people in

this country about what a veteran is all about. We ought to be having meetings within the schools and our servicemen come into the school and tell the kids what the real world is all about.

You know, when you say "I'm a veteran" and you're a leader -- when we looked at some of these positions these gentlemen had this morning, and ladies, you think about it, you look in the foxhole next to you and somebody's head's blown off. And you say 10 weeks ago we were in basic training, and now we have one less.

The veterans of our country raised their right hand, and they said "I will defend and protect." Ladies and gentlemen, just once in a blue moon, sit down and ask them something. Say, "You know, I see that you're a veteran. Can you tell me -- I don't know anything about it."

We're talking to people now of countries that we were fighting in for three or four years, and now we're calling them our allies. But do not forget, if it weren't for these veterans ...

When we were younger, yes, I was proud. I led troops, and my troops were trained. And when someone says what was it like, nobody

can describe combat operations. But you can always walk up to that veteran and say, I don't know anything about Korea or Vietnam, Somalia -- will you explain it to me? They won't be rude. They're asking you to tell them as a veteran what you did to protect our nation.

I thank everybody in the house that was there this morning with the veterans. I saw a few veterans crying. One said to me: "My best friend, we went to kindergarten together. And now when I want to see him, I go to a cemetery."

Remember, the life of the veteran is what makes your life easier. When you can enjoy yourself, it's because there were members of the armed forces, all the armed forces, that said "I will defend and protect."

It's our responsibility to let the veterans know that we appreciate what they've done for us and our families and the rest of America.

And God bless America.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Larkin.

Senator Addabbo.

SENATOR ADDABBO: Thank you,

Mr. President, and good afternoon.

And I want to start by thanking Senator Colonel Bill Larkin, who was greatly honored and acknowledged before the ceremony today. So thank you always, Senator Larkin, for your service and dedication to our country.

I'm of the belief that every day is Veterans Day. It's not just one day on the calendar year, it's every day of the year that we should thank our veterans. And today is a great day for us as we acknowledge those veterans from all corners of our state during the induction into the Veterans Hall of Fame.

And one thing that amazed me is as we looked at each of those veterans today, they came from all kinds of backgrounds -- different branches of the military, different gender, different ages, different parts of our state. But one common thread through all of them, that desire to serve our country. They have that in common, that they wanted to serve our country with dedication and protect our democracy. And we are so grateful for that.

And how do we show that gratitude, how do we show our appreciation? We can do it

with words and say thank you. But we can do it like we're doing today, with 31 bills on our agenda that address the issues our veterans face each and every day.

I am so proud to be part of this body and vote on these bills that we should do, as it is our obligation to help our veterans throughout the state.

To all veterans today who were inducted into our Hall of Fame, we thank them for their service. And to all veterans throughout the state, all 900,000 of them, we thank them each and every day, and God bless them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Addabbo.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Flanagan has opened the resolution for cosponsorship. Should you choose

to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

We acknowledge and thank all of those veterans who may still be with us. It was an outstanding ceremony today. Let's express our appreciation again for all those who have served with dedication, distinction, bravery and honor.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes. On this resolution, if you do not want to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So all members will be listed as cosponsors. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we now take up Resolution 5122, by Senator Sepúlveda, read it in its entirety, and call on the Senator to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 5122, by Senator Sepúlveda,

memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare March 11, 2018, to April 12, 2018, as Garifuna American Heritage Month in the State of New York.

"WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the community of the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in keeping with its time-honored traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to applaud and commemorate events which foster ethnic pride and exemplify the cultural diversity that represents and strengthens the spirit of the people and the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare March 11, 2018, to April 12, 2018, as Garifuna-American Heritage Month in the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, Garifuna-American Heritage Month celebrates the great contributions of Garifuna-Americans to the fabric of New York City, and pays tribute to the common culture and

bonds of friendship that united the United States and the Garifuna countries of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines; and

"WHEREAS, Garifuna-American Heritage Month affirms the culture, identity and self-esteem of a people; it celebrates a rich heritage and illuminates Garifuna history and tradition, as well as the spirit of an indomitable people; and

"WHEREAS, In 1665, two Spanish ships wrecked off the coast of St. Vincent; and

"WHEREAS, The West African slaves that escaped to the island eventually intermarried with the Caribs and the Arawaks indigenous native people; and

"WHEREAS, The new race of people, known as the Garifuna, grew strong and prosperous on the island; and

"WHEREAS, In 1795, the Garifuna began the Second Carib War against the British; battles raged throughout St. Vincent over the next year, with both sides enduring heavy losses; and

"WHEREAS, On June 10, 1796, the

final battle commenced with the Garifuna and British, resulting in the Garifuna's surrender; and

"WHEREAS, The surviving Black Caribs were forcibly transferred to the neighboring island of Balliceaux; and

"WHEREAS, On March 11, 1797, the defeated Garifuna were loaded onto a convoy of eight vessels and transported to Roatan, Honduras, which arrived on April 12th of that year; and

"WHEREAS, This year we commemorate the 221st anniversary of the forcible deportation of the Garifuna people by the British from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and their settlement in Central America; and

"WHEREAS, The Garifuna began to migrate to the United States during the 1930s; today, New York City is home to the largest Garifuna community outside of Central America; and

"WHEREAS, Garifuna-American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize the significance of their contributions to the quality and character of life, and, through many

events and activities throughout the month, for all people to gain a greater appreciation of Garifuna history and traditions, and of the role Garifuna-Americans have played, and will continue to play, in our society; and.

"WHEREAS, Today, New Yorkers of Garifuna heritage such as Sara Nunez Mejia, Rosemary Ordoñez-Jenkins, Sulma Arzu-Brown, Aquina Valentin Mirtha Colon, James Lovell, Rosita Alvarez, Paula Castillo, Brenda Lee Arauz Martinez, Marcia Gomez, Evelyn Arauz Chamorro and Jose Francisco Avila continue to recognize and honor the legacy of their ancestors; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare March 11, 2018, to April 12, 2018, as Garifuna-American Heritage Month in the State of New York; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York."

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator

Sepúlveda.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me to speak on this resolution.

Today we are passing a resolution memorializing Andrew Cuomo's declaration of Garifuna-American Heritage Month in the State of New York.

Garifuna-American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of that great culture and society. Today, here, we have many of them sitting, and I want to welcome them home.

(Applause.)

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: You've mentioned some of the people that are here sitting with us on the floor, but we forgot to mention Sergeant First Class Roberto Clotter. Today he was honored -- Mr. Clotter, yes.

(Applause.)

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: A veteran honored today, he was born in Honduras, in Puerto Cortés, June 18, 1953, emigrated to the United States in 1973. And in March of 1977, he decided to serve this country in the U.S. Army. He was eventually honored and received the

Meritorious Service Medal for his service in the Army.

The Garifuna people are an ethnic group of mixed ancestry, descendants of Carib Arawaks and African people living along the Caribbean coast of Belize. They also come from Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

They are a seafaring people that arrived in the United States as merchant marines during World War II.

New York now has the largest population of Garifunas living outside of that region, where we have approximately 200,000 people living. And despite Senator Parker's claims, most of them live in the Bronx.

(Laughter.)

(Cheers, applause from the gallery.)

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: The Garifuna-American culture and their history is one of survival and resiliency.

We've already spoken about their history in the resolution, but I must tell you that their contributions to this country are unmatched. They've served in different

capacities in education, they've served as doctors and lawyers, they are community leaders like Rosemary Ordoñez, who lives in my district and makes my life easier -- and I want to thank her for the great work she does -- or Jose Francisco Avila, who runs the Garifuna Coalition.

These are wonderful people who came to this country, who have children in this country, and continue to thrive. And I want to thank them for being here, and I want to thank the State of New York for memorializing and acknowledging their contributions to this great state.

Thank you.

(Applause from the gallery.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Bailey.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Mr. President. On the resolution.

Senator Sepúlveda kind of said it all, but I'm going to clean up a little bit.

The Garifuna community is such a growing, vibrant and involved community in the Bronx. And while I don't have the luxury of representing as many as Senator Sepúlveda does, I

have a growing population in my district who constantly avail themselves of what government has to offer -- and not just asking for things, but coming to the table and saying: How can I help?

And that is how we help each other as Americans, by asking that question "How can I help?" When I see Rosemary in my church, I make sure, you know, I'm saying hello, because we know what you're capable of and what you're going to bring. Sorry, Luis, she comes to my church sometimes.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BAILEY: When you see Jose Francisco Avila everywhere in the Bronx, and he's bringing the Garifuna people with him, he's not just bringing you with -- he always represents you everywhere he's at.

The Garifuna, we know your distinct colors of the flag. But we know you by your rich tradition. And you are the definition of diversity, as Senator Sepúlveda has said. Literally, diversity --

(Applause from the gallery.)

SENATOR BAILEY: You should give

yourselves a round of applause, because diversity is literally in your blood. And diversity is what has made America great for many, many years, and it will be what continues to make America great.

So, Senator Sepúlveda, I thank you for introducing this resolution, and I proudly stand here with you and all my colleagues in government and I proudly proclaim -- well, we ask the Governor to proclaim Garifuna Heritage Month.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I want to thank my colleague Senator Luis Sepúlveda for -- newly elected -- one of his first acts, bringing this resolution to the floor, one that celebrates, as Senator Bailey just said, the cultural diversity and the rich significance of the Garifuna community, not only in the Bronx but here in the United States of America.

As was mentioned, the epitome of

diversity is this community. And think of the courage it must have taken for some of the first of the Garifuna to come to a place like New York City and to embrace and bring their culture and start a new life for themselves and for their children.

And we as Americans, as New Yorkers, we celebrate that diversity. As Latin Americans, we also speak about the many racial diversities that make up Latin America, that make Latinos. And myself as a Puerto Rican, that racial diversity is something that is so important, but oftentimes not fully explored or researched or discussed.

But the Garifuna community is a shining example of all that is good about American diversity, about celebrating cultural heritage, and about bringing things to the table that build this nation in ways that we need for future generations to come.

So I applaud you all, and Senator Sepúlveda, for a wonderful celebration today.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator

Rivera.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. President.

I am glad that I was able to get back here. So many things happening in the Capitol and up here in Albany that sometimes it's hard to keep track. But I wanted to make sure that I came back to honor the Garifuna people.

Now, as before we've had -- I've had differences with Senator Díaz, who used to bring this resolution, I will have the difference with Senator Sepúlveda now, because I believe that most of the Garifuna folks that live in the Bronx live in my district.

(Laughter, reaction from gallery.)

SENATOR RIVERA: Now, we can fight about that, but what we cannot fight about is the fact that we value you as a wonderful part of the Bronx. It is one of the things that makes our districts, right, and our borough great, that we have such a large population, such an important group of folks that decided to make the Bronx their home. And as I always say, it is this diversity that makes the Bronx a great place to live.

So I am very glad that you are great people that live in my district as well as other places in the Bronx. But regardless of where you live, the Garifuna people are important to us as New Yorkers, are important to us as Bronxites.

And we are very honored to join -- I'm very honored to join my colleagues in honoring you up here in Albany today. Thank you for being here.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Rivera.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Sepúlveda has expressed his desire to list people as cosponsors. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

It is so gratifying to see all of

you here today, and to see all of you living in the Bronx, because Senator Gianaris is pleased that you're all Yankee fans; correct?

(Laughter; reaction from gallery.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So on behalf of the New York State Senate, I would like to welcome the Garifuna leaders and the Garifuna people who are here as you celebrate this important milestone.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we now take up previously adopted Resolution 4872, by Senator Amedore, read the title only, and call on Senator Amedore to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 4872, by Senator Amedore, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 13-19, 2018, as Prevention Week in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: I would

ask, please -- I know we have a number of guests -- to please observe some decorum and silence in the chamber as we allow the members to continue to be heard on the various matters before the house.

Senator Amedore.

SENATOR AMEDORE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to recognize National Prevention Week, a time for communities to come together to increase awareness about substance abuse, problem gambling, suicide prevention and mental health issues.

You know, addiction comes in many shapes. But in one form or another, it has touched everyone in this chamber and every bit of everyone's district throughout the State of New York.

And here in New York, we are doing everything we can to help tackle the addiction issues, including the heroin crisis that we face. We are working to make sure that we have treatment and services. We are also making sure that we have proper support systems in place for those individuals who are on a path to recovery.

Of course, prevention and awareness remains key to all of our efforts. The theme of National Prevention Week this year is action today, healthier tomorrow. All our actions, all of our efforts are helping us build stronger, healthier communities.

And we are joined here today in the gallery with some individuals who represent organizations that are on the front lines doing some great work to make sure that prevention and awareness is being taught and being felt, whether it's in a school or whether it's at home, for an individual or a family.

With us today we have OASAS, members of OASAS. We have the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Prevention Council. We have New York City Board of Education Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention. Let's Talk SAFETY. Single Parent Resource Center. Ibero-American Action League. Casa Trinity. Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital. Riverhead Community Awareness Program.

These are some of the organizations and individuals that are on the front line and that are fighting the good fight. So I thank all of you for your great effort, for not ever giving

up on the hope that we can overcome substance use disorder, and for your dedication.

Mr. President, I hope that you would welcome them in the house today and appreciate all of their hard work.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Amedore.

Senator Akshar.

SENATOR AKSHAR: Thank you, Mr. President, for your indulgence.

Allow me first to thank Senator Amedore for once again bringing forth this resolution. It's incredibly important.

I had an opportunity this afternoon to spend time with the group that's up in the gallery, and I want to shine a light on four very special young women who are doing what I would say is God's work in their community -- Senator Benjamin's community, to be specific, in Harlem, a group called SAFE in Harlem.

When I call your name, young ladies, please, I want you to stand up, okay? Yolanda, please rise. Riya, please rise. Daniela, please rise. And Anya, please rise. They're with

Felecia and Morgan; please rise as well.

You guys are doing remarkable work. And you did a very good job of helping me understand the things that are happening in Harlem. We have this conversation all the time here, right? Depending on where we're from, we don't necessarily understand our colleagues' communities. But the four of you did a very, very good job this afternoon educating me on everything that you're doing in your community to stem the tide of these deadly diseases. So I wanted to publicly thank you for that. The future is in very good hands.

And I would say this, that I think that our investments that we are collectively making through OASAS are finally starting to pay off, and we're finally starting to see some of the fruits of that investment regardless of where we are, whether we're in Binghamton, we're in Buffalo, we're in the Capital Region or in New York City.

So ladies, thank you for all that you do. The entire group, thank you for being on the front line.

And Mr. President, again, I thank

you for your indulgence.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: As indicated, the resolution was previously adopted on May 1st of this year.

The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

We'd like to acknowledge and recognize all of our guests and the organizations that are present today in the gallery. We thank you for all of your good work and all of your efforts in such an important cause. Thank you.

Please rise and be recognized again.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we now take up Resolution 5148, by Senator Peralta, title only, and call on Senator Peralta to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 5148, by Senator Peralta, welcoming the students and faculty of the

Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf as they visit Albany, New York, on May 15, 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Peralta.

SENATOR PERALTA: Thank you, Mr. President.

It's truly a privilege to welcome today to this chamber students and faculty of the Lexington School for the Deaf as they visit our state's Capitol today.

I want to personally thank Donald Galloway, the CEO/superintendent of the school, and Principal Jane Moran.

I wanted to welcome all of the students and all the faculty here today.

The Lexington School for the Deaf has been serving the deaf and the hard-of-hearing in New York State since 1864. It began with only six children. It soon became a well-known school on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. After many years of expansion and increasing enrollment, the school moved into the Jackson Heights/East Elmhurst area in 1968.

For me, it's a privilege to have this particular school in my district. It is the

largest school for the deaf in our state, serving students that come from across New York City.

The Lexington School for the Deaf offers a strong academic program as well as a broad range of physical and cultural education. The school helps the deaf and the hard-of-hearing to realize their full potential. The school provides education and services to over 2500 students year after year, educating children and young adults ages 3 months through 21 years of age.

The school includes the Lexington School, Lexington Center for Mental Health Services, with its outpatient clinic specializing in infant, child, adult and family services. It also includes the Lexington Vocational Services Center, which supports employment and the independent living skills training for adults, and the Lexington School Hearing and Speech Center, providing community-based speech and audiology services.

If anyone has come or passed by my district, you would have to pass by this facility. It is an amazing facility. Not only are people, as they drive by or walk by, awed by

it, but they're also struck by the fact of what they do inside. And that is what matters.

Lexington School for the Deaf is a leading advocate for the deaf and the hard-of-hearing. Students and faculty visit me every year in Albany, and I'm looking forward to seeing them in the district.

For all the splendid work over the course of many, many decades, please accept our sincerest thanks for your extraordinary job and extraordinary work. Congratulations to the students, the faculty, and the CEO. Thank you for all that you do.

Mr. President, can we help welcome them to Albany today.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Hamilton on the resolution.

SENATOR HAMILTON: Yes, Mr. Chair, I rise for this resolution.

And I just want to commend Jose Peralta, Senator Peralta, for having this bill for Lexington School for the Deaf.

But I believe there are some young men here from St. Francis School for the Deaf in Brooklyn, known for their academic excellence in

doing well. They're the only Center for the Deaf in the borough.

So I welcome you all here to the Capitol today. And for our great basketball program we have at St. Francis School for the Deaf, and for Maria, who is doing a phenomenal program there for the community. And welcome to Albany.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution was previously adopted on May 15th of 2018.

It is open for cosponsorship, at the request of Senator Peralta. Should you choose to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

On behalf of the Senate, we want to recognize all of the students from the Lexington School for the Deaf and the St. Francis School for the Deaf. We appreciate you being here, and we extend all the privileges and the courtesies of the Senate to you today.

Thank you for being here. Please stand and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we now take up the reading of the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 385, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 5642A, an act to amend the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 467, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 957A, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60. Nays, 2. Senators Alcantara and Montgomery recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 619, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 955, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 619, those recorded in the negative are Senators Montgomery and Sepúlveda.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 774, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 255, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 779, substituted earlier by Member of the Assembly DenDekker, Assembly Print 4827A, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 818, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 927, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 3. Senators Benjamin, Gianaris and Montgomery recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 839, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 733, an act to amend the Military Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 840, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 944, an act to amend the Military Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 840, those recorded in the negative are Senators Comrie, Gianaris, Krueger, Montgomery, Persaud, Rivera and Stavisky.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 7.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 841, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 1013A, an act to amend the Domestic Relations Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 842, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 2319, an act to amend the Domestic Relations Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 843, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 2921A, an act in relation to.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 844, by Senator Akshar, Senate Print 3571, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 845, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 3709, an act to amend the Elder Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 846, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 5158, an act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 848, by Senator Young, Senate Print 6606, an act to amend the Military Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 180th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1074, by Senator Hannon, Senate Print 2813, an act to amend the Military Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1086, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 216, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1087, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 254, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1088, by Senator Young, Senate Print 854, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1088, those recorded in the negative are Senators Krueger, Sepúlveda and Serrano.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

Senator DeFrancisco, that completes the noncontroversial reading of today's active list before the house.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: In that case, I am calling an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: And also an immediate meeting of the Corporations Committee in Room 124.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There will be an immediate meeting of the Corporations Committee in Room 124. Rules Committee in 332.

The Senate is at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 4:03 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 4:10 p.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Senate will come to order.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, is there a report of the Rules Committee at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is a Committee on Rules report at the desk, and the Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Flanagan, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 198, by Senator Marchione, an act to amend the Military Law;

Senate 199, by Senator Marchione, an act to amend the Military Law;

Senate 200A, by Senator Marchione, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate 1011, by Senator Robach, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate 1124A, by Senator Marchione, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate 2189, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Public Housing Law;

Senate 3336, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

Senate 3675A, by Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Tax Law;

Senate 3879A, by Senator Ranzenhofer, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate 3906, by Senator Griffo, an act to amend the Executive Law; and

Senate 7870, by Senator Helming, an act establishing.

All bills reported direct to third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in favor of accepting the Committee on Rules report signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Rules report is accepted and before the house.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: We now have Senate Supplemental Calendar 43A, which consists of all the bills that just were reported out of the Rules Committee. I'd ask that you do the noncontroversial reading of that calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senate Supplemental Calendar 43A is before the house, and the Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1169, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 198, an

act to amend the Military Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1170, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 199, an act to amend the Military Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1171, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 200A, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1172, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 1011, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1173, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 1124A, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1174, by Senator Parker, Senate Print 2189, an act to amend the Public Housing Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1175, by Senator Bailey, Senate Print 3336, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Bailey to explain his vote.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Also, it would be remiss for me to not thank all the vets in this house on this Veterans Hall of Fame Day.

I thank you and salute you all for your service. And freedom truly isn't free. And I would not be able to sit here today, as somebody who's never served a day in the military, without everything you've done. So thank you all.

I thank my colleagues for voting for

this piece of legislation because, in a day and time when we are unsure about what property tax deductions we can take, our veterans deserve a break. And right now, if you're a veteran who's served in wartime, you get a 15 percent break on your property taxes. And if you've served in a combat zone, you get a 10 percent.

But what happens if you are a husband and wife who have both served honorably, and you both are equivalent? There's no credence given to that household, to both members serving our country very well.

So this piece of legislation would be able to increase it by half of the respective number. So if you served in wartime, 22.5 percent, and in a combat zone, 15 percent.

As Senator Addabbo so aptly put it earlier, you know, we can speak all we want about our veterans, but we need to actually show them that we're doing something. And my Veterans Hall of Fame nominee, Director of Veterans Services of Mt. Vernon Kristyn Reed, and her husband, Larry, actually, as it would be, both served, and they would benefit from this. So it's apropos that we introduce this on this day of the Veterans Hall

of Fame.

I thank all my colleagues for their support. I vote aye, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Bailey to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1176, by Senator Addabbo, Senate Print 3675A, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1177, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 3879A, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1178, by Senator Griffo, Senate Print 3906, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1179, by Senator Helming, Senate Print 7870, an

act establishing.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

Senator DeFrancisco, that completes the noncontroversial reading of today's Senate Supplemental Calendar 43A.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, on behalf of Senator Flanagan, I hand up the following committee assignments.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The committee assignments are received and so ordered to be filed.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: There will be an immediate meeting of the Codes Committee in Room 124, and an immediate meeting of the EnCon Committee in Room 308.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Immediate

meeting of the EnCon Committee in Room 308, and Codes in Room 124, following session.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Is there any further business at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is no further business at the desk.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: There being none, I move to adjourn until Wednesday, May 16th, at 11:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On motion, the Senate will stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 16th, at 11:00 a.m.

The Senate is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:16 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)