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18 SENATOR SHELLEY MAYER, Acting President

19 ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

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

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

4 I ask everyone present to please
5 rise and repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: In the
9 absence of clergy, I ask that everyone bow their
10 head in a moment of silent reflection or prayer.

11 (Whereupon, the assemblage respected
12 a moment of silence.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Reading of
14 the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
16 February 11, 2019, the Senate met pursuant to
17 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, February 10,
18 2019, was read and approved. On motion, Senate
19 adjourned.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Without
21 objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 The Secretary will read.

25 THE SECRETARY: On page number 10,

1 Senator Bailey moves to discharge, from the
2 Committee on Elections, Assembly Bill Number 2693
3 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
4 2699, Third Reading Calendar Number 101.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
6 substitution is so ordered.

7 THE SECRETARY: On page number 10,
8 Senator May moves to discharge, from the
9 Committee on Elections, Assembly Bill Number 2570
10 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
11 2862, Third Reading Calendar Number 103.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
13 substitution is so ordered.

14 Messages from the Governor.

15 Reports of standing committees.

16 Reports of select committees.

17 Communications and reports from
18 state officers.

19 Motions and resolutions.

20 Senator Gianaris.

21 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 On behalf of Senator Skoufis, on
24 page 8 I offer the following amendments to
25 Calendar 53, Senate Print 1632, and ask that said

1 bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
3 amendments are received, and the bill shall
4 retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

5 SENATOR GIANARIS: And on behalf of
6 Senator Krueger, on page 12 I offer the following
7 amendments to Calendar 120, Senate Print 2376,
8 and ask that said bill retain its place on
9 Third Reading Calendar.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
11 amendments are received, and the bill shall
12 retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

13 Senator Gianaris.

14 SENATOR GIANARIS: I now move to
15 adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception
16 of Resolutions 371, 397, 409, and 410.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: All in
18 favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with
19 the exception of Resolutions 371, 397, 409, and
20 410, please signify by saying aye.

21 (Response of "Aye.")

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Opposed,
23 nay.

24 (No response.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The

1 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 Can we now take up the
5 noncontroversial calendar.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
7 Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 101, substituted earlier by Assemblymember
10 Dinowitz, Assembly Print Number 2693, an act to
11 amend the Election Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
20 Bailey to explain his vote.

21 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 I would like to thank my colleagues
24 for supporting this incredibly important piece of
25 legislation.

1 Madam President, as you know, we did
2 some historic reforms around voting and we moved
3 up the primary date. And when we moved up the
4 primary date, we have petitions that have to go
5 out, and we also have little party positions
6 called county committee. County committee are --
7 while small in nature, they are very important
8 positions. And we're decreasing the amount of
9 signatures to 3 percent instead of the 5 percent
10 it was at so that we can allow greater access so
11 that people can be on county committee.

12 I think it's a grassroots, it's a
13 very important part of local government. And
14 while this sunsets in 2020, I amongst many
15 others, I hope, will continue to advocate that we
16 can continue to extend this so that we can keep
17 these numbers lower to have the signatures so
18 that people can participate in county committee.

19 And I proudly vote aye,
20 Madam President.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
22 Senator Bailey. To be recorded in the
23 affirmative.

24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 51. Nays, 3.

1 Senators Akshar, O'Mara and Seward recorded in
2 the negative.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 103, substituted earlier by Assemblymember Jones,
7 Assembly Print Number 2570, an act to amend the
8 Election Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
17 May to explain your vote.

18 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 Following up on what Senator Bailey
21 said, because we changed the election calendar
22 this year, it's put a lot of pressure on people
23 who want to run for office. And this bill will
24 reduce the number of signatures that are required
25 by a quarter.

1 Our whole purpose in passing the
2 election package earlier this session was to make
3 our elections more accessible both to the voters
4 and to others who want to participate as
5 candidates. And this bill is designed
6 specifically to make that more simple this year.

7 And like Senator Bailey, I am hoping
8 that we may be able to extend this beyond this
9 year, but this bill is just for this year.

10 So thank you very much.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
12 May to be recorded in the affirmative.

13 Senator Akshar to explain his vote.

14 SENATOR AKSHAR: Madam President,
15 thank you very much for your indulgence.

16 While I voted in the affirmative on
17 the historic election reforms that we passed here
18 in this chamber, I would note that by doing such,
19 we've made life a little bit more difficult for
20 those who are administering these elections at
21 the local level.

22 And what we're doing by way of these
23 two bills, I think, we're making our life a
24 little bit simpler by reducing the amount of
25 signatures that we have to have.

1 So while I in fact support the
2 election reforms that we did, I think that we
3 could have avoided these two particular pieces of
4 legislation -- my esteemed colleague even said
5 that it's sunsetting in just a year -- by taking
6 a little bit more time and implementing the
7 historic voting reforms that we passed starting
8 the following year, and we wouldn't have to do
9 this.

10 So it's for those reasons,
11 Madam President, that while I was supportive of
12 the historic voting reforms that we did, I'll be
13 voting no on these two particular pieces of
14 legislation.

15 Thank you.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
17 Akshar to be recorded in the negative.

18 Senator Little to explain her vote.

19 SENATOR LITTLE: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 I too would like to stand in support
22 of this measure. Particularly in the North
23 Country, when you're out trying to get petition
24 signatures in February, end of February and
25 throughout March, it's very, very difficult --

1 not only because of the weather, it's also
2 difficult because that's the time many of our
3 retired people in the North Country take
4 advantage of the warmer weather in the south and
5 become snowbirds for a month or two. So it's
6 extremely difficult.

7 And in my preference for combining,
8 I definitely believe that both primaries should
9 have been combined. But I think had you done it
10 in August, it would have been much better, would
11 have made a shorter campaign season. And
12 certainly the weather would be more conducive in
13 June-July to getting your signatures than this
14 would prevent.

15 So I vote aye.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
17 Little to be recorded in the affirmative.

18 Announce the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: Those recorded in
20 the negative on Calendar Number 103 are
21 Senators Akshar, Lanza, O'Mara, Robach, Seward
22 and Young.

23 Ayes, 50. Nays, 6.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
25 is passed.

1 Senator Gianaris.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
3 that is Senator May's first bill to pass the
4 Senate. Congratulations.

5 (Standing ovation.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 106, by Senator Comrie, Senate Print 1875, an act
8 to amend the New York State Urban Development
9 Corporation Act.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
11 last section.

12 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This
13 act shall take effect immediately.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.
20 Senators O'Mara and Ortt recorded in the
21 negative.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 111, by Senator Carlucci, Senate Print 1146, an

1 act to amend the Town Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
3 last section.

4 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
5 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
6 shall have become a law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
11 the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: Those recorded in
13 the negative on Calendar 111 are Senators Akshar,
14 Antonacci, Jordan, Lanza, Little, O'Mara, Ortt,
15 Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Robach, Serino, Seward,
16 Tedisco and Young.

17 Ayes, 42. Nays, 14.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 117, by Senator Brooks, Senate Print 1709, an act
22 to amend the Public Service Law.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
24 the day, please.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is laid aside for the day.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 118, by Senator Parker, Senate Print 2355, an act
4 to direct the Department of State and the Public
5 Service Commission.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53. Nays, 3.
16 Senators O'Mara, Ortt and Ranzenhofer recorded in
17 the negative.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 Senator Gianaris, that completes the
21 noncontroversial reading of today's calendar.

22 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 Can we now return to motions and
25 resolutions and take up Senate Resolution 397.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Motions
2 and resolutions.

3 The Secretary shall read.

4 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
5 Resolution 397, by Senator Sepúlveda,
6 memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to
7 proclaim January 26, 2019, as the 206th
8 Anniversary of Juan Pablo Duarte Day in the State
9 of New York, and commemorating the 175th
10 Anniversary of the Independence of the Dominican
11 Republic to be celebrated on February 27, 2019.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
13 Sepúlveda on the resolution.

14 SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you,
15 Madam President, for allowing me to speak on the
16 resolution. And thank you, Majority Leader
17 Stewart-Cousins, for allowing us to present a
18 resolution that honors the independence of a
19 robust culture and for allowing me to sponsor
20 this resolution.

21 Here in the Senate, I want to thank
22 Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa, who sponsored it
23 in conjunction in the New York State Assembly.

24 The Dominican Republic received its
25 autonomy and sovereignty on the 27th day of

1 February in 1844. The father of the revolution,
2 Juan Pablo Duarte, had envisioned a strong
3 democratic republic that would protect its
4 citizens from dictatorial rule which had
5 blemished and stained the country's history for
6 far too long.

7 Today, in a state that thrives on
8 democratic principles, we honor the Dominican
9 heritage and Juan Pablo Duarte for both of their
10 efforts towards a nation that adheres to the
11 concerns of people and that recognizes the
12 strength of culture and democracy.

13 Yesterday we had the honor of having
14 the Instituto Duarteano USA, Inc., in this
15 chamber and in the Assembly. Unfortunately we
16 didn't have enough time to present them and
17 recognize them because session was relatively
18 quick. But that organization ensures that the
19 Dominican Republic is aware of the true history
20 and the sacrifices made by Juan Pablo Duarte and
21 his successors.

22 And today is a perfect day to
23 recognize this culture, and we have to
24 acknowledge the contributions that Dominican
25 Americans have made to this country, not only in

1 sports -- we know that they have had great
2 baseball players, great athletes -- but their
3 contributions in medicine, in science, in
4 education, in political history, and in
5 governing. In fact, this chamber brought the
6 first Dominican American ever elected from
7 New York State as a representative of Congress in
8 this country, and that's Adriano Espaillat.

9 We've seen many Dominican Americans
10 elected, both in the Assembly and here in the
11 chamber. They contribute mightily to this
12 nation.

13 And I have to say, to make sure that
14 my wife is happy, my wife is a Dominican
15 American. And I'm proud to have her as a wife,
16 and she's proud to be a Dominican. And she's
17 proud that we have a son that's called a
18 Dominiqueño, which is a breed -- a cross between
19 a Puerto Rican and a Dominican.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
22 Senator Sepúlveda.

23 Senator Jackson on the resolution.

24 SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

1 I rise this afternoon to support the
2 resolution honoring Juan Pablo Duarte and the
3 Dominican Heritage Month. If you don't know the
4 31st Senatorial District -- and I've got up many
5 times to say the geographical areas. But in
6 northern Manhattan, Washington Heights and Inwood
7 especially, we have a large Dominican population.
8 And in fact the Juan Pablo Duarte Elementary
9 School, P.S. 132, is located on 182nd Street and
10 Wadsworth Avenue, named after one of the founders
11 of the Dominican Republic.

12 And not only do I support the
13 resolution and my colleague, the Senator
14 mentioned Adriano Espaillat, who was the first
15 Dominican Congress member, who was a
16 nondocumented young kid when he was brought here
17 by his parents who is now a member of Congress.

18 But also I worked for many, many
19 years with another individual, a Dominican leader
20 that was in the City Council, the first member of
21 the Dominican community elected to the City
22 Council of New York and subsequently to the State
23 Assembly, Dr. Guillermo Linares, who worked his
24 way up as a young man and went to Columbia and
25 got his Ph.D. in education. He's now the

1 president of the New York State Higher Education
2 Corp.

3 And these are two individuals that I
4 know personally that have lived in the community
5 in northern Manhattan. But there are many, many
6 others that I cannot name all of them now, but
7 that are artists, engineers, doctors, attorneys,
8 judges. And one of those individuals is Rolando
9 Acosta. Rolando Acosta is the presiding justice
10 of the Appellate Division First Department, in
11 Manhattan. Rolando and I were on the school
12 board together many, many years ago.

13 But the Dominican community, they
14 come here, they're energized to reach the
15 American dream, they work hard and their work
16 ethic is not even questioned. And I say to you
17 that I'm proud to stand here as the
18 representative of a large Dominican community in
19 honor of Dominican Heritage Month.

20 So please, thank you.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
22 Senator Jackson.

23 Senator Bailey on the resolution.

24 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

1 I want to align myself and thank
2 Senator Sepúlveda for this introduction, for
3 introducing this resolution; Senator Jackson for
4 your comments as well; and to thank all the men
5 and women of Dominican descent who have done
6 incredible things in this chamber and beyond, but
7 let's specifically speak about this chamber.

8 We have a pioneer in the first
9 Dominican American woman to be the Secretary of
10 the Senate, in Alejandra Paulino, and we want to
11 make sure that we recognize her accordingly for
12 all that she has done and for working through the
13 ranks in the Senate, as you well know,
14 Madam President. And we're all grateful and
15 proud of her.

16 So we want to make sure that we
17 recognize history as it is ongoing, that we
18 recognize the accomplishments of Ali Paulino
19 along with the other great accomplishments of
20 Juan Pablo Duarte.

21 Thank you, Madam President.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
23 Senator Bailey.

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

1 (Response of "Aye.")

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
5 resolution is adopted.

6 Senator Gianaris.

7 SENATOR GIANARIS: At the request
8 of Senator Sepúlveda, that resolution is open for
9 cosponsorship.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
11 resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you
12 choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution,
13 please notify the desk.

14 Senator Gianaris.

15 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now move
16 on, Madam President, to Senate Resolution 409, by
17 Senator Montgomery.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
19 Secretary will read.

20 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
21 Resolution Number 409, by Senator Montgomery,
22 honoring Dr. Robert Gore upon the occasion of his
23 designation as a 2018 CNN Hero on December 9,
24 2018.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

1 Montgomery on the resolution.

2 SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Yes, thank
3 you, Madam President. I rise to honor Dr. Robert
4 Gore.

5 I met Dr. Gore when he was being
6 honored by CNN as one of their 2018 Heroes. And
7 I was very impressed based on the fact that, one,
8 he lives in my district. But two, he also is one
9 of those people, even as a trained physician,
10 works in trauma in the Borough of Brooklyn, the
11 County of Kings, and has seen so many young
12 people come through his emergency department.
13 And so he decided that he wanted to do something
14 to address the fact that he kept seeing young
15 people come over and over with these tragic
16 incidents of violence based on the fact that they
17 were involved in violence.

18 So he decided to found this
19 organization that he is now the founder and
20 executive director of. It is the KAVI, Kings
21 Against Violence Initiative. It was founded by
22 him in 2009. And he continues work with young
23 people, trying to get them to turn away from
24 violence and to develop a different approach as
25 it relates to conflict in their communities and

1 within their groups.

2 I am proud that this is an example
3 of someone who though he is at the height of his
4 own career and is not required to spend as much
5 time as he does with the young people, he does it
6 because he wants to be a change agent to his own
7 young people.

8 So I want to thank you, and I rise
9 today to honor him, thank him for his work, and
10 hope that he becomes an example to many of us who
11 have the skills, who have the knowledge, who have
12 the high levels of training, but that we use that
13 not just for our own families, for ourselves, but
14 that we turn around and put that to use for
15 future generations.

16 Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
18 Senator Montgomery.

19 The question is on the resolution.

20 All in favor signify by saying aye.

21 (Response of "Aye.")

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
25 resolution is adopted.

1 Senator Gianaris.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
3 Senator Montgomery would also like to open that
4 resolution for cosponsorship.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
6 resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you
7 choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution,
8 please notify the desk.

9 Senator Gianaris.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you.

11 Can we now move to Senate Resolution
12 410, also by Senator Montgomery.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
16 Resolution Number 410, by Senator Montgomery,
17 commending the Children's Defense Fund New York
18 upon the occasion of its Beat the Odds Annual
19 Celebration with a Special Salute to Founder and
20 President Emerita Marian Wright Edelman.

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

23 SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 I rise to honor one of the women who

1 for me is a light unto my path, and that is
2 Dr. Marian Wright Edelman.

3 Marian Wright Edelman is the founder
4 of the premier advocate for children in the
5 United States of America, the Children's Defense
6 Fund. So they are going to be honoring her, but
7 I honor her today because in 1973 she began what
8 was to become the pathway to advocacy for so many
9 of us, including Hillary Rodham Clinton --
10 Hillary Rodham at that point, because she was not
11 yet married to Bill Clinton -- and those of us
12 who feel that it is our responsibility to work as
13 much as possible to make sure that children have
14 someone speaking on their behalf as adults in
15 this society.

16 She's a graduate of Spelman College
17 and Yale Law School. She was the first black
18 woman admitted to the Mississippi bar in the
19 State of Mississippi. And she was the Legal
20 Defense and Education Fund director of the NAACP
21 chapter in Jackson, Mississippi. So that she
22 honed her skills in the law and in representation
23 of issues of black people, of young people, of
24 children, gave guidance to women, even though she
25 was way down there in the State of Mississippi.

1 In addition to receiving more than
2 100 honorary degrees, Marian Wright Edelman is
3 the proud recipient of the Albert Schweitzer
4 Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a
5 MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship.

6 She has received the Presidential
7 Medal of Freedom as well as the Robert F. Kennedy
8 Lifetime Achievement Award for the many writings
9 that she has authored on behalf of and in the
10 interest of young people in America.

11 So Madam President, I rise today to
12 say to Marian Wright Edelman, for those of us who
13 always feel lonely when we're laboring for the
14 benefit of young people, very often, there is a
15 leader that we are following who, bar none, is
16 one of the best in America, and that's Marian
17 Wright Edelman.

18 I thank this body for taking the
19 time to honor her and to recognize her work as
20 leader -- for though she has retired, she still
21 remains for so many of us the premier leader as
22 it relates to an advocate on behalf of young
23 people, children and families in America.

24 Thank you, Madam President.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,

1 Senator Montgomery.

2 The question is on the resolution.

3 All in favor signify by saying aye.

4 (Response of "Aye.")

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
8 resolution is adopted.

9 Senator Gianaris.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please open that
11 resolution for cosponsorship as well, at Senator
12 Montgomery's request.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
14 resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you
15 choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution,
16 please notify the desk.

17 Senator Gianaris.

18 SENATOR GIANARIS: And can we now
19 take up Senate Resolution 371, by Senator Boyle.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
21 Secretary will read.

22 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
23 Resolution Number 371, by Senator Boyle,
24 commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the
25 Suffolk County American Legion on March 1, 2019.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
2 Boyle on the resolution.

3 SENATOR BOYLE: Madam President,
4 thank you very much. I rise in support of this
5 resolution.

6 In 1919, the United States Congress
7 chartered the American Legion throughout our
8 nation. And in that same year, the Suffolk
9 County American Legion was chartered as a
10 patriotic veterans organization.

11 The Suffolk County American Legion
12 is the leading advocate for veterans, a strong
13 national defense, patriotic youth programs, and
14 Americanism.

15 The Suffolk County American Legion,
16 from Amityville to Fishers Island, has been a
17 living commitment to service since 1919. Among
18 the specialized programs they sponsor are
19 Boys State and Girls State, oratorical and essay
20 contests, and of course the Memorial and
21 Veterans Day parades that many of us in this
22 chamber have supported.

23 With my colleagues on both sides of
24 the aisle, I'd like to congratulate the
25 American Legion of Suffolk County on their

1 100th anniversary.

2 Thank you.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
4 Senator Boyle.

5 The question is on the resolution.

6 All in favor signify by saying aye.

7 (Response of "Aye.")

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
11 resolution is adopted.

12 Senator Gianaris.

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Senator Boyle would like to
15 open that resolution for cosponsorship.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
17 resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you
18 choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution,
19 please notify the desk.

20 Senator Gianaris.

21 SENATOR GIANARIS: Now,
22 Madam President, is there any further business at
23 the desk?

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is
25 no further business at the desk.

1 SENATOR GIANARIS: I then move that
2 we adjourn until Tuesday, February 26th, at
3 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative
4 days.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: On motion,
6 the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday,
7 February 26th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days
8 being legislative days.

9 (Whereupon, at 12:08 p.m., the
10 Senate adjourned.)
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