LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 27-February 2, 2013, as School Choice Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Every student in the State of New York should have the right to the highest-quality schools possible; and WHEREAS, Citizens across the State of New York agree that improving the quality of education in our State and expanding access to highly effective schools is an issue of importance; and WHEREAS, New York recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all students to be successful adults in a global economy; and WHEREAS, New York has a multitude of high-quality public schools, magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools; and WHEREAS, Educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our State; and WHEREAS, New York has many high-quality teaching professionals in public, private and charter schools who are committed to educating children; and WHEREAS, The vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and WHEREAS. Research in New York State and across our nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance; and WHEREAS, School Choice Week is a nationally celebrated event and during this week it is the sense of this Legislative Body to join with millions of parents, educators, schools and organizations around the State of New York to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options that challenge and motivate our students to succeed; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 27-February 2, 2013, as School Choice Week 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.