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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 26-30, 2015, as Karaoke Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by the availability of exceptional recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 26-30, 2015, as Karaoke Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Karaoke is a popular activity enjoyed by New York State citizens from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, A combination of the Japanese words "Kara," meaning empty, and "Okesurota," meaning orchestra, karaoke has been gaining in popularity for decades and is now a staple of the American entertainment scene; and

WHEREAS, This versatile social activity can be performed in the privacy of one's own home, at public gatherings, or on the go with the advent of mobile karaoke apps; and

WHEREAS, Karaoke is often enjoyed at many of life's most momentous occasions including weddings, birthdays, graduations, and job promotions; furthermore, it can also be an effective form of stress relief; and

WHEREAS, The inspiration for many impressive acts, the largest karaoke event took place at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tennessee, on August 22, 2009, when 160,000 people sang "Friends in Low Places" by Garth Brooks before the beginning of a NASCAR race; and

WHEREAS, Leonardo Polverelli performed the longest karaoke marathon by an individual, lasting 101 hours, 59 minutes, and 15 seconds, and sing-

ing 1,295 songs at a fundraising event in Pesaro, Italy; and

WHEREAS, The longest karaoke marathon by multiple participants lasted for 792 hours and 2 minutes at an event organized by Guangqi Honda Automobile Company in Changchun, Jilin, China, May 22-June 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the art of karaoke has provided a safe and enjoyable form of recreation much appreciated by the residents of the great State of New York, and karaoke enthusiasts across the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 26-30, 2015, as Karaoke 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.