

**Memorializing Resolution Supporting New York State Assembly Bill A. 1178 and New York State Senate Bill S. 5741 (Establishing A Public Education Program To Educate Motorists Of The Dangers Of Passing A Stopped School Bus)**

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Robert Parete)

Legislator Carl Belfiglio and Mary Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County Supports and Protects the Safety of our School Children

WHEREAS, The State Education Department has oversight responsibility for school district provision of pupil transportation services to resident pupils attending public and non-public schools.

WHEREAS, In New York State approximately 2.3 million pupils, or ten percent of the nation's pupils, ride our 50,000 school buses each day.

WHEREAS, Section 1174 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law provides that all motorists approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop for that bus when its red lights are flashing.

WHEREAS, despite the law and despite the significant lighting and signage that adorns the school bus, over 50,000 motorists pass stopped school buses every day of the school year! That means that 50,000 times a day in New York State each day a child is being put at risk of being injured or even killed by a motorist who could not take the time to slow down and STOP for the school bus.

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly Bill A. 1178 and New York State Senate Bill S. 5741 proposes to use a portion of the fines collected to establish a public education program to educate motorists of the dangers of passing a stopped school bus in violation of Section 1174, to conduct research or studies on the nature and causes of illegal passing in the State, and to develop initiatives to reduce the incidence of illegal passing in the State.

WHEREAS, , that the County of Ulster is committed to actively support legislation, regulations and policies that are in the interests of the safe and efficient transportation of our school children, now, therefore, be it

