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
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RESOLVED, that the County of Ulster supports A. 1178 and S. 5741 in recognition of the safety and security benefits it will bring to our school children and accordingly, we urge the Legislature and the Governor to support and enact this legislation, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic, William Larkin, Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Peter Lopez and Frank Skartados.

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(LEGISLATOR AIELLO ABSENT)

Passed Committee: Laws & Rules, Government Services on June 18, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT
NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Deputy Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 19th day of June, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 20th Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk
Ulster County Legislature