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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 17-23, 2013, as Court Reporting and Captioning Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, For millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and to accomplish this task have relied on scribes; and

WHEREAS, The profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

WHEREAS, In Ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

WHEREAS, Scribes were present with our Nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across the country; and

WHEREAS, Court reporters are present in the New York State Legislature, preserving the words and actions of its members; and

WHEREAS, Court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and

WHEREAS, Court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

WHEREAS, Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 17-23, 2013, as Court Reporting and Captioning 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.