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Title: Resolution calling on the New York State Assembly to pass A.10748, the New York State Senate to pass companion bill S.7254, and the Governor to sign such legislation, which would increase the penalty for assaulting a school crossing guard while on duty to a Class D felony of assault in the second degree.

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Whereas, School crossing guards are charged with ensuring the safety of school children; and

Whereas, There are approximately 2,100 school crossing guards serving over 1.1 million public school children in New York City; and

Whereas, In addition to being the most populous city in the country, New York City's thoroughfares are among the nation's busiest; and

Whereas, New York City relies on school crossing guards to provide additional safety to our City's

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youth as they travel to and from school; and

Whereas, There have been instances when school crossing guards have been the subject of physical and verbal threats as well as assaults that have resulted in serious injuries; and

Whereas, School crossing guards should be given greater protections to deter individuals from harassing or assaulting them; and

Whereas, A.10748, currently pending in the New York State Assembly, and companion bill S.7254, currently pending in the New York State Senate, seek to increase the penalty for assaulting a school crossing guard while on duty or otherwise on school grounds to a Class D felony of assault in the second degree; and

Whereas, A.10748/S.7254 would enhance the protections afforded to crossing guards in order to help prevent harassment and assault and increase their safety; and

Whereas, New York State needs to better protect crossing guards, who play a vital role in helping children safely cross busy intersections on their way to and from school as well as making sure our children are not struck and killed by passing motorists; and

Whereas, Individuals who assault crossing guards should be punished appropriately; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Assembly to pass A.10748, the New York State Senate to pass companion bill S.7254, and the Governor to sign such legislation, which would increase the penalty for assaulting a school crossing guard while on duty to a Class D felony of assault in the second degree.

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