

*Resolution Commemorating the
75th Anniversary of the Yellow School Bus*

“National School Bus Chrome”

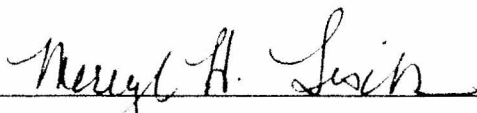
In 1939, New York educator Franklin W. Cyr, a professor at Teachers College, Columbia University in New York, convened a safety standards conference of educators, engineers and safety experts to consider ways to improve safety in transporting students to their schools. The objective of the conference was to establish national school bus construction standards for the United States, including the standard color of yellow - known officially as National School Bus Chrome. That conference, 75 years ago on April 10-16, 1939, resulted in the adoption of National School Bus Chrome as the official color of the school bus in America with multiple improvements being made to school buses and school bus safety over the years. "National School Bus Chrome" was chosen for its high visibility and sharp contrast to the black lettering that identified the school district operating the bus.

The Yellow School Bus is an icon in our State and our Nation, with its bright yellow color reminding all that our children are on their way to greet their teachers and classmates in their journey to prepare for life; and the Yellow School Bus has, due in large part to its distinctive color, kept our children safe each day for over 75 years on their way to schools each morning and back home to their families at the end of each day.

The New York State Board of Regents thanks the millions of women and men who have dedicated their lives and careers to the safety of the "Yellow School Bus" in their work as managers, drivers, dispatchers, attendants, trainers and technicians. So many Americans hold and cherish memories and pictures of their own first rides or their children's and grandchildren's first rides to school on that big Yellow School Bus.

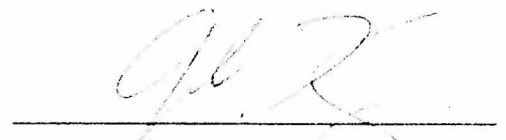
On September 16, 2014 the New York State Board of Regents recognizes the 75th Anniversary of the "Yellow the School Bus" and the Cyr Foundation, which through its public service, has shown a deep commitment to the goals of safety and access to education first espoused by Franklin W. Cyr.





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