SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
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SYNOPSIS
Designates the second Friday of December of each year as “Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) in Our Schools Day” in New Jersey to recognize the contributions of paraprofessionals and school-related personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the second Friday in December of each year as "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in the State of New Jersey to recognize the contributions of paraprofessionals and school-related personnel.

WHEREAS, Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs), which include instructional and non-instructional aides, bus drivers, and cafeteria, custodial, maintenance, and grounds staff, provide valuable services within the State’s schools, including: one-on-one or small-group tutoring for students; assisting with classroom management; acting as a translator; providing instructional support; supervising students during non-instructional times; preparing and serving nutritious meals; maintaining a clean, safe, and attractive learning environment; and assisting in the transportation of students to and from school; and

WHEREAS, Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs), through their direct and indirect involvement with students, play a critical role in facilitating communication between students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Each serves as an essential member of the education team on which he works and is relied upon heavily by other members of his team; and

WHEREAS, By providing direct and indirect support to students, PSRPs enable teachers and other educators to better enhance the effectiveness of their classrooms and schools; and

WHEREAS, While the tireless and dedicated work of PSRPs may often go unheralded, their efforts empower students to achieve greater success in their studies and development; and

WHEREAS, It is both fitting and proper that the State recognize the many contributions of PSRPs in our schools; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The second Friday in December of each year is designated as "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in New Jersey in recognition of the valuable services paraprofessionals and school-related personnel provide.

2. The Governor and the Legislature hereby recognize and commend PSRPs for their contributions and call upon the citizens of New Jersey to participate fittingly in the observance of "PSRPs in Our Schools Day."

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
This joint resolution designates the second Friday in December of each year "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in New Jersey to recognize the contributions of paraprofessionals and school-related personnel (PSRPs). Under the resolution, the Governor and the Legislature call upon the State’s citizens to participate in the observance of this day. PSRPs provide valuable services within the State’s schools, including: one-on-one or small-group tutoring for students; assisting with classroom management; acting as a translator; providing instructional support; supervising students during non-instructional times; preparing and serving nutritious meals; maintaining a clean, safe, and attractive learning environment; and assisting in the transportation of students to and from school.