## **STATE OF MAINE**

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

## TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

## JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS OF THE STATE FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**WHEREAS,** school bus drivers provide the first and last interactions that many students have during the week; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers have a duty to safely bring children to school and back each school day; and

**WHEREAS**, this duty requires skills in navigating road and weather hazards, ensuring the safety of the students who ride the bus, avoiding distractions and serving in a leadership role; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the duties of school bus drivers, requiring them to take additional safety measures for themselves and for their passengers; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers play an extraordinary role in the lives of Maine students, and these individuals deserve our clear and obvious recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the school bus drivers of the State for their exemplary service during the COVID-19 pandemic.