

Assembly Resolution No. 232

BY: M. of A. Sweeney

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department, to be celebrated on April 13, 2013

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department and to honor its past and present members for 75 years of support of the Lindenhurst Fire Department, and the citizens of Lindenhurst, New York, and its surrounding Suffolk County communities; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the ladies auxiliary of a volunteer fire company has been organized to assist and encourage the fire company in its good work; it is the aim of the ladies auxiliary to cultivate a spirit of harmony, to promote sociability and to sustain the esteem and admiration of the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department has, for 75 years, carried out these important functions in an exemplary manner, providing an invaluable service to the fire department and community; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department was established April 13, 1937, the second Tuesday of the month and to this day the members continue to meet on that same Tuesday; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of 57, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department is made up of mothers, wives and daughters of the volunteer firefighters; currently, there are 13 members with over 50 years of service, 34 life members, and 18 past presidents, of which 13 of them remain; the four charter members, all of which have died, were still active until their passing; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department belongs to a number of state and local area auxiliaries, with many of its members holding elected offices; one member won the prestigious Lady of the Year Award through LAFASNY; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department's marching unit has won numerous awards at local parades and throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the auxiliary has helped the firefighters in many ways from supporting everything they do to keeping them nourished and hydrated while fighting major fires or the storms of recent years; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department also helps neighboring communities when called upon to assist their auxiliaries at major fires, some being the Wildfires in 1997, and the fires at Edgewood in 2006, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department has assisted families in need through local churches at holiday times, or the donation of food to the food banks; this past

year, the members assisted the families of Super Storm Sandy by jointly running a food and clothing drive which was very successful; and

WHEREAS, At times, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department have handed a coat to a victim of a fire to keep them warm as they watch their home go up in flames; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers of the Lindenhurst Fire Department truly appreciate the members of its Ladies Auxiliary, knowing when they are physically exhausted and emotionally drained, whether chilled to the bone or withering from the heat, they will be able to look up and see an auxiliary member standing there with a candy bar, sandwich or a cup of soup, and a warm smiling face; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to volunteer selflessly, supporting and assisting the firefighters in the provision of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, For 75 years, whether at a family dinner or a holiday celebration, when the fire alarm has sounded, these selfless volunteers have left their homes and jobs to help the firefighters in pursuit of their duty; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department is prepared daily to carry out its accepted responsibilities, not only serving but also enhancing the quality of life in their community and advancing the perception of Lindenhurst as a caring and united community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and warmly • congratulate the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department and its past and present members upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, to be celebrated at Firemen's Memorial Park, Saturday, April 13, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department.

Assembly Resolution No. 233

BY: M. of A. Tenney

COMMENDING Firefighter William Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 46 years of dedicated service to the Willowvale Fire Company, Inc. in Chadwicks, New York

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, The Town of New Hartford contracts with the Willowvale Fire Company to provide fire and EMS services to the Chadwicks and Washington Mills areas and, in 2001, the Willowvale Fire Company proudly hosted the Oneida County Volunteer Firemen's Convention; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Hughes has served as a Volunteer Firefighter for 46 years, since 1966; after serving 30 of those 46 years as Chief of the Willowvale Fire Company, he has decided to retire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter William Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 46 years of dedicated service to the Willowvale Fire Company, Inc. in Chadwicks, New York, where William Hughes resides with his wife Janet; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate his remarkable career and service to his community the Willowvale Fire Company is honoring William Hughes at a dinner to be held at Danielle's Banquet Hall in New Hartford, New York on Saturday, April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, William Hughes has served as a volunteer firefighter since 1966; he has been a leader of the Willowvale Fire Company and is always there for those in the community when needed; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; William Hughes is such a firefighter; throughout his 46 years of devoted service, William Hughes has heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter William Hughes for 46 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Hughes.

Assembly Resolution No. 234

BY: M. of A. Butler

COMMENDING Valley Health Services for earning a five-star rating in the **U.S. News and World Report's** annual Best Nursing Homes report

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Valley Health Services for earning a five-star rating in the **U.S. News and World Report's** annual Best Nursing Homes report; and

WHEREAS, Located in Herkimer, New York, Valley Health Services (VHS) is noted for recognizing and then addressing the unmet healthcare needs of the Herkimer County community; and

WHEREAS, Released at the end of February 2013, this special report recognizes top-rated nursing homes in all 50 states; the **US News's** evaluation of nursing homes is used on data from Nursing Home Compare, a consumer website run by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and

WHEREAS, The government agency sets and enforces standards for nursing homes; facilities earn an overall rating of one to five stars, as well as up to five stars in each of the three following categories: health inspections, nursing and physical therapy staff and quality of care; there are 126 nursing homes in central New York, five of which received an overall rating of five stars; and

WHEREAS, This places VHS in the top four percent of Central New York nursing homes, the top eighteen percent statewide, and the top nineteen percent nationally; and

WHEREAS, The success of VHS is in direct correlation to the efforts of its administration and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize VHS, for its unwavering commitment to the citizens of Herkimer County, as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative community service; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Valley Health Services for earning a five-star rating in the

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U.S. News and World Report's annual Best Nursing Homes report; and be
it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be
transmitted to Lisa Betrus, CEO/Administrator, Valley Health Services.

Assembly Resolution No. 235

BY: M. of A. Bronson

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Cornell University's Cooperative Extension of Monroe County, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry, as well as educational institutions, whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Cornell University's Cooperative Extension of Monroe County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is a key outreach system of Cornell University with a strong public mission and an extensive local presence that is responsive to needs in New York communities; its educational system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience, research, and knowledge to work; and

WHEREAS, The nationwide network of Cooperative Extension programs began in 1914, as a means of applying land-grant university research in understandable and useful ways to farmers and to rural families; and

WHEREAS, Together, with the people of New York State, CCE has taken on some of the greatest challenges of the new century, such as fostering energy independence, sustainable agriculture, childhood obesity, and community programs; and

WHEREAS, It began with a simple, practical, brilliant idea to connect the knowledge, resources, and research of Cornell University with the people of New York State, to take care of families, build businesses, and improve communities, all while working collaboratively for a greater good; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 100 years later, this one great idea is burning brighter than ever; each year, more than 10 million people throughout New York State participate in extension workshops, seminars, meetings, and tours, or request specific help or advice from CCE personnel; and

WHEREAS, The seed for CCE was planted in 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act into law, effectively creating the concept of the land-grant university; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history and continuing today CCE has modeled innovative uses of technology, communications and contemporary models of organizational governance that reflect the changing needs and structure of society; and

WHEREAS, Today, CCE serves urban, suburban, town, and rural areas by offering programs in five broad areas, including Agriculture and Food Systems; Children, Youth, and Families; Community and Economic Vitality;

Environment and Natural Resources; and Nutrition and Health; and

WHEREAS, As Cornell University Cooperative Extension celebrates its 100th Anniversary, it stands in fulfillment of the proud legacy of its namesake and is poised for success for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Cornell University's Cooperative Extension; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cornell University's Cooperative Extension.

Assembly Resolution No. 236

BY: M. of A. Fahy

RECOGNIZING the recent documentaries and films that have highlighted the notable contributions of girls and women throughout the world

WHEREAS, Women have made unique contributions to New York State; and

WHEREAS, New York State has a rich history of monumental achievements in the area of women's rights, from holding the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls to securing the right for women to vote, to being the site of the first Women's Strike for Equality; and

WHEREAS, Women across the United States and throughout the world have made tremendous progress and contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Recently released documentaries and films highlight both the successes as well as the obstacles women face in today's society; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is an opportune time to bring attention to issues concerning women; and

WHEREAS, The PBS documentary entitled "MAKERS: Women Who Make America", features outstanding women whose extraordinary stories have made important strides for women in America; and

WHEREAS, The "MAKERS" documentary profiles well-known women who have made significant contributions to society, such as Hillary Clinton, Gloria Steinem and Marlo Thomas, in addition to other remarkable women; and

WHEREAS, The PBS documentary entitled "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" is an international broadcast, shot in 10 countries: Cambodia, Kenya, India, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Liberia and the United States, and introduces women and girls who are oppressed but manage to create opportunity under the most challenging conditions; and

WHEREAS, "GirlRising" is an innovative film that spotlights the stories of nine girls who live in countries throughout the world and are born into difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, "GirlRising" demonstrates the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change girls' lives; and

WHEREAS, Documentaries and films that shed light on the difficult challenges girls and women face while also highlighting solutions to those same problems, serve as an inspiration to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the recent documentaries and films that have highlighted the notable contributions of girls and women throughout the world.

Assembly Resolution No. 237

BY: M. of A. Barron

MOURNING the death of Wangari Maathai,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of her
community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Wangari Maathai of Kenya died on September 25, 2011, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Environmentalist Wangari Maathai began a movement to reforest her country of Kenya by paying poor women a few shillings to plant trees; she went on to become the first African woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 1, 1940, in Nyeri, Kenya, in the foothills of Mount Kenya, Wangari Maathai was a star student, winning a scholarship to study biology at Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas, receiving a degree in 1964; she subsequently earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Wangari Maathai went on to obtain a doctorate in veterinary anatomy at the University of Nairobi, becoming the first woman in East or Central Africa to hold such a degree; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Wangari Maathai's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, One of the most widely respected women on the continent, Wangari Maathai played many roles - environmentalist, feminist, politician, professor, human rights advocate and head of the Green Belt Movement, which she founded in 1977 with the mission to plant trees across Kenya, fight erosion, create firewood for fuel, and create jobs for women; and

WHEREAS, Wangari Maathai won the Peace Prize in 2004 for what the Nobel committee called "her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace"; it was a moment of immense pride in Kenya and across Africa; and

WHEREAS, Her Green Belt Movement has planted more than 30 million trees in Africa and has helped nearly 900,000 women, according to the United Nations, while inspiring similar efforts in other African countries; and

WHEREAS, Wangari Maathai toured the world, speaking out against environmental degradation and poverty, which she said were intimately connected; and

WHEREAS, Wangari Maathai received many honorary degrees, including an honorary doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh in 2006, as well as numerous awards, including the French Legion of Honor and Japan's Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun; she authored several books, including **Unbowed: A Memoir**, published in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Wangari Maathai is survived by three children, Waweru, Wanjira and Muta, and a granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Wangari Maathai leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Wangari Maathai, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Wangari Maathai.

Assembly Resolution No. 238

BY: M. of A. Borelli

CONGRATULATING the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary on April 27, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus, upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus supports four ideals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus in Staten Island, New York, has demonstrated the value of fostering camaraderie in a shared vision of community service; this mission is indicative of a noble organization which epitomizes the heart and soul of what it means to be an American; and

WHEREAS, The members of Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus in Staten Island, New York, are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and defense of the priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on February 23, 1913, the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Saturday, April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction as the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus provide a model for enhancing the quality of life in the community and, as such, merit the grateful praise of the community of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675 Knights of Columbus, upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Henry Stolzenhaler Council No. 1675, Knights of Columbus.

Assembly Resolution No. 239

BY: M. of A. Friend

CONGRATULATING Jacob H. Esty upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 24, 2013

WHEREAS, Jacob H. Esty, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Horseheads, New York; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved her greatest heights of glory through the dedication, determination and tireless efforts of the outstanding citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is only with the continued diligence and devotion of our youth, tomorrow's leaders, that America will maintain her glory; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, The highest achievement of leadership in Scouting, earned by only five percent of all Boy Scouts, is the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young man has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Jacob H. Esty added a picnic table platform to the handicapped accessible boardwalk trail at Spencer Crest Nature Center in Corning, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jacob H. Esty's perseverance in rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks; his accomplishment will enable him to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; and

WHEREAS, This new Eagle Scout is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State and his Nation, and no doubt his future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate and honor Jacob H. Esty on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacob H. Esty.

Assembly Resolution No. 240

BY: M. of A. Rosa

CONGRATULATING the Dominican Republic upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 World Baseball Classic Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to congratulate the Dominican Republic upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 World Baseball Classic Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Dominican Republic finished its perfect run through the World Baseball Classic with a 3-0 victory over Puerto Rico in the championship game on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, night at AT&T Park in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, The Dominican Republic Baseball Team won all eight games and outscored their opponents by 36-14 in becoming the first team to go undefeated in a World Baseball Classic; the team reveled in their accomplishment, particularly after being eliminated from the first round in 2009; and

WHEREAS, After the game, Dominican Republic Manager Tony Pena clutched the championship trophy tightly and talked about what winning the World Baseball Classic meant to the island nation of 10 million that produces more major-league players per capita than any country; and

WHEREAS, Second baseman Robinson Cano, who is both a member of the New York Yankees, and the Dominican Republic squad, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player as he finished 15-for-32 (.469) with four doubles, two home runs and six RBIs; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Dominican Republic Baseball Team, from the opening game to victory in the 2013 World Baseball Classic Championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, an unbeatable combination of talents, and a dedication to winning that reflected favorably on their team, and country; and

WHEREAS, Acquiring such an outstanding accomplishment, the Dominican Republic Baseball Team and its members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, friends, and fans throughout the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Dominican Republic upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 World Baseball Classic Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members, coaches, and staff of the Dominican Republic World Baseball Classic Championship Team.

Assembly Resolution No. 241

BY: M. of A. Barclay

COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of
New Haven, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of New Haven, Oswego County, New York; and

WHEREAS, This most auspicious occasion will commence with a celebration in the town on April 6, 2013, which will include an opening ceremony and a dedication of recent renovations to the town municipal building; and

WHEREAS, During the 2013 calendar year, the Town of New Haven will continue its bicentennial celebration using the theme "Celebrating 200 Years of New Haven Life and Patriotism", with the sale of machine embroidered lace ornaments and cookbooks containing local recipes; in addition a pictorial history of the Town containing photos of early residents, farm equipment, homes and scenery has been assembled; a Memorial Day parade will also be held, which will include floats and marchers in period costume; and

WHEREAS, New Haven was formed by law on April 2, 1813, and was the last town taken from the Town of Mexico before the organization of the present County of Oswego; and

WHEREAS, Early settlers in what is now the Town of New Haven who arrived around 1800 found dense wilderness and heavy timbers of hardwoods, and began felling the forests for agriculture, especially dairying and fruit growing; and

WHEREAS, The first road in the present town was opened before 1806, and by 1814, there were 12 road districts, with the railroad coming to the Town of New Haven in 1865; and

WHEREAS, The first Town of New Haven meeting was held at the home of Ansel Snow on April 14, 1814; David Easton was the first Town Supervisor, and Jonathan Wing was the first Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, The first permanent settler of New Haven was Solomon Smith; he located at lot 47 in 1800, building the first log house; and

WHEREAS, In 1820, the population of the Town of New Haven was 899; by the year 2000, its population tripled with 2,930 people residing in the New Haven community; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of New Haven continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all

essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of New Haven, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Town Supervisor, Russell Sturtz, Town of New Haven, New York.

Assembly Resolution No. 242

BY: M. of A. Lifton

COMMENDING Cornell University upon the occasion of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its designation as the Land-Grant University of the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those educational institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments are clearly reflective of the pursuit of excellence in education and unparalleled service to the community; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge events of historic significance which exemplify the character and development of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Cornell University upon the occasion of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its designation as the Land-Grant University of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable sesquicentennial will be observed with a Symposium and Reception, to be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the New York State Education Building in Albany; speakers will include Cornell University President David Skorton, State University of New York Chancellor Nancy Zimpher and other higher education leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Morrill Land Grant Act was signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862, in recognition of the need for an educated and trained workforce to fuel our expanding young Nation and rapidly changing economy; and

WHEREAS, This watershed legislation provided each state a parcel of land to be used towards financing higher education institutions which would "promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes" by teaching subjects related to agriculture and engineering in addition to classical areas of study; and

WHEREAS, The Morrill Act set the stage for Cornell University to be founded as New York's land-grant college in 1865; Ezra Cornell, then a state senator, offered an endowment and the gift of his Ithaca farm to create the eponymous university, where "any person can find instruction in any study"; his visionary generosity positioned Cornell University to become one of the world's leading educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, One of Cornell University's most enduring qualities as a land-grant institution is its deep commitment to developing knowledge that benefits communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, It has fulfilled its land-grant mission by applying university-based research to practical problems via extension and outreach throughout New York and the world over, from vegetable growing classes for New York farmers in the 1880s to Neurobiology and Behavioral Science extension in today's global metropolises; and

WHEREAS, Cornell University's public impact remains robust; in 2010, 12 companies were formed, 114 licenses negotiated, 140 patents issued, and 338 new technologies disclosed; that same year, \$764 million in research expenditures were made; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension is an integral part of New York State's communities, maintaining offices in 55 counties plus New York City, annually logging one million volunteer hours to New York companies, educating 167,000 youth through 4-H and representing \$158 million in annual economic impact for the state; and

WHEREAS, The community of Cornell University can look back on its triumphant 150 year history with glowing pride, secure in the knowledge that its accomplishments have immeasurably enhanced the quality of life for people around the globe, and can look forward, with full confidence in its strength, as it prepares for the ebb and swell of change it will encounter in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that this Legislative Body extend its highest commendation to Cornell University for its unwavering commitment to fulfilling its land-grant mission of education and service to the communities of this great Empire State, and its outstanding contributions in the service of creating a better world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Cornell University upon the occasion of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its designation as the Land-Grant University of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David J. Skorton, President, Cornell University.

Assembly Resolution No. 243

BY: M. of A. Gantt

CONGRATULATING the Gates Chili Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Section V Class AA1 Title

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Gates Chili Girls Basketball Team captured the Section V Class AA1 Championship by defeating Penfield by a score of 62-34; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Spartans went on to participate in the New York State Class AA Girls Basketball Championship game; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record, 24-1, is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Gates Chili Girls Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tara Graziadei has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Tara Graziadei and all of the outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Gates Chili Girls Basketball Team, its members Dejay Johnson, Sarah Lacey, Ariana Rutledge, Lydia Thomas, Samantha Heiler, Skylar Whitmore, Jessica Oechsle, Kori Bayne-Walker (Captain), Cierra Dillard (Captain), Sedria Thomas, Diona Johnson (Captain) and Sarah Pittman; Coach Tara Graziadei and Assistant Coaches, Brad Snavlin, Rachel Leonard, Vanessa Hodge, and James Babiarz on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Gates Chili Girls Basketball Team and Coach Tara Graziadei.

Assembly Resolution No. 244

BY: M. of A. Cymbrowitz

commemorating the observance of Holocaust
Remembrance Day in the State of New York on April 7,
2013

WHEREAS, From 1933 to 1945, 5.8 million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust as a part of a systematic program of genocide, and millions of other people also perished as victims of Nazism; and

WHEREAS, Jews who fell under German control in Eastern and Central Europe were quickly stripped of their rights and property; and

WHEREAS, The Jews who perished at Nazi hands comprised two-thirds of all European Jewry, and in countries such as Poland, which before the Second World War included parts of the Ukraine and Belarus, the Jewish death toll surpassed 90 percent; and

WHEREAS, The People of the State of New York should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated; and

WHEREAS, Those who survived the killing camps tell us that as many people walked to their deaths, their last words were "Remember Us"; and

WHEREAS, The year 2013 marks the 80th anniversary of the beginning of the genocide of European Jews, the darkest, most murderous moment in history; and

WHEREAS, We learn in the aftermath of the Holocaust that indifference to genocide cannot be tolerated; Holocaust remembrance imposes a moral obligation to speak out; and

WHEREAS, The Holocaust represents the darkest period in the civilization of mankind and must always be remembered in order to prevent its reoccurrence anywhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS, The People of the State of New York should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, The People of the State of New York should remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom Hashoah, is a day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding New Yorkers, all Americans, and people around the world of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign; and

WHEREAS, Internationally, Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, which this year falls on Sunday, April 7, 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day in the State of

New York on April 7, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York and to Fira Stuckelman, Michael Sirota, and Pavel Vishnevetsky of the New York Association of Holocaust Survivors.

Assembly Resolution No. 245

BY: M. of A. Gantt

COMMEMORATING the Bicentennial Anniversary of the
Town of Gates, New York, April 1, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize events of significance which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders proudly resonates with the rich and noble history of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the anniversary of the founding of municipalities throughout the State, noting in turn their contributions to the fabric and progression of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Town of Gates, New York; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Monday, April 1, 2013, at the Gates Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, The founding of the Town of Gates, New York, evolved from an early transaction of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase with the sale of Town No. 1 in the Short Range of the purchase on November 8, 1790 to a group of investors from Northampton and Springfield, Massachusetts; the town they purchased became known as Northampton and included present-day Gates, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1808, the residents of Northampton petitioned the New York State Legislature to create the Town of Gates; it was named in honor of General Horatio Gates, the American Revolutionary War officer; and

WHEREAS, On June 10, 1812, the New York Legislature enacted Chapter 122 of the Laws of 1812 to create the Town of Gates, effective April 1, 1813; and

WHEREAS, The founding of the Town of Gates is inherently linked to the settlement of western New York State; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Town of Gates, New York, on April 1, 2013, the Gates Town Board will be in period costume to acknowledge the birth of Gates by decree and proclamation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, on May 27, 2013, there will be a Memorial Day service to honor the five branches of the military and acknowledge the heroes of Gates' past dating back to the nation's Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, On June 29, 2013, the Town of Gates will hold its Grand Celebration of its 200th Anniversary; this celebration will include a parade, food vendors, ceremonial annexation of old Rochesterville and the Town of Greece, and recognition of outstanding citizens, as well as

music and fireworks; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the rich history and enduring contribution of the Town of Gates to the heritage of the State of New York, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to join in commemorating the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Town of Gates so that present and future generations may come to appreciate the unique significance which its history plays in the progression of our State and Nation's evolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Town of Gates, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town Supervisor of Gates, New York.

Assembly Resolution No. 246

BY: M. of A. Friend

CONGRATULATING the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team and Coach Dean Jackson upon the occasion of capturing the NCAA Division III Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Wessman Arena in Superior, Wisconsin, the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team became the NCAA Division III Champions; and

WHEREAS, For the third time in its program's history, the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team are National Champions; the Lady Soaring Eagles avenged a rematch of the 2005 NCAA Championship against Middlebury College with a 1-0 victory to claim the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship; and

WHEREAS, Elmira College has won their first National Championship since 2003; this special victory ties Middlebury College for the most titles in women's ice hockey history; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Dean Jackson, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-5-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the Championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dean Jackson and his dedicated staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Dean Jackson and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence

which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team, and Coach Dean Jackson on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team and Coach Dean Jackson.

Assembly Resolution No. 247

BY: M. of A. Tedisco

CONGRATULATING the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Athletic Teams and coaches for their outstanding 2012 Fall Season

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning as well as the encouragement and love of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the values of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School has performed to the highest abilities and has accomplished a superior season in many sports, winning two State Championships and six Section II Championships; and

WHEREAS, The Varsity Football Team, led by Coach Matthew Shell, earned the title of New York State Class A Division I Champions, Section II Class A Champions, New York State Class A Champions and Ranked 1st in the State while earning 12 victories in their Fall 2012 season and maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 93.6; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Volleyball Team, led by Coach Gary Bynon, earned the title of North Division Champions, Class A Section II Champions, Regional Champions and the New York State Class A Champions while earning 28 victories in their Fall 2012 season while maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 96.0, the highest average for Girls Volleyball in the State; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Cross Country Team, led by Coach Shaun Zepf, earned the titles of Class A Section II Finalists, placed 3rd in the New York State Federation and ranked 3rd in New York State while earning eight victories throughout the season and maintained a Scholar Athlete academic average of 97.7; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Soccer Team, led by Coach Brian Bold, earned the titles of Class A Section II Champions and were Regional Finalists while earning 15 victories throughout their season while maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 93.4; and

WHEREAS, The Boys Cross Country Team, led by Coach Chip Button, earned the rank of Class A Section II Finalists and ranked 20th in the New York State Federation, while maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 94.7; and

WHEREAS, The Field Hockey Team, led by Coach Kelly Vrooman, earned the title of Class B Sectional Champions and were regional finalists while earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 96.4; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Swimming Team, led by Coach Matt Turner, earned the title of Section II Division II Champions and sent six girls to

States, winning five matches this year, while earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 93.8; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Tennis Team, led by Coach Karen Layton, earned the title of Class A Section II Champions and were Regional Finalists, winning 12 matches and earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 96.4; and

WHEREAS, The Boys Volleyball team, led by Coach Paul Sanders, went on to win 21 matches while earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 92.7; and

WHEREAS, The High School Golf Team won seven competitions and one player qualified for States, while the team earned a Scholar Athlete average of 93.1; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the coaches and all of the exceptional athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Athletic Teams and coaches on their outstanding 2012 Fall Season and overall team records; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Robert McGuire, and to the outstanding Coaching Staff of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Athletic Teams of the Fall 2012 season.
