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Senate Resolution No. 2304

BY: Senator STEWART-COUSINS

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, New York, on May 20, 2024; and

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 150th Anniversary of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, New York, on Monday, May 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Sleepy Hollow's name is Dutch in origin, believed to denote a description of a cove; the bordering Hudson River contributed to the flourishing of the Village; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1874, the local government was established by a group of concerned citizens, and their commitment is still sustained, meeting the needs of the residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Village of Sleepy Hollow dates back farther than 1874 with The Old Dutch Church, built by Frederick Philipse in 1685, recognized as one of the oldest churches in New York State still holding worship services; this national landmark is the setting for Washington Irving's short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", and

General George Washington and his Continental Army rested at the church on July 2, 1781, on their way to meet the French Army in Dobbs Ferry; and

WHEREAS, Through preserving the natural beauty of the area the residents have created a charming atmosphere and contributed to the captivating history which has made Sleepy Hollow a popular destination; with picturesque sights including lush parks, The Old Dutch Church, Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse, and Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate; and

WHEREAS, Being tied to one of the oldest American horror stories, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," the village has a historical connection to Halloween; an estimated 100,000 tourists visit the village annually to celebrate the holiday and discover the area's legends of lore; and

WHEREAS, There is a range of famous figures who rest in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, including Washington Irving, Andrew Carnegie, and Elizabeth Arden; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Sleepy Hollow offers a wide variety of outdoor adventures and activities, with parks, forests, rivers, lakes, streams and trails along one of the most scenic stretches of the Hudson River; it also offers many programs for all residents from the seniors to the youngest generations; and

WHEREAS, Of historic origin, the Village of Sleepy Hollow has remained fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, and will continue to adapt for the challenges of the future while always remembering the history and tradition that has led its community to such an exceptional milestone; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the Village of Sleepy Hollow have a bright outlook for the future of their community which remains a beautiful place in which to live, raise a family, conduct business, and enjoy the natural beauty and historical sites that make this sector of New York State a charming and welcoming community, its population growing to more than 12,000 residents who are grateful to call it home; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Village of Sleepy Hollow's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited village upon the occasion of its 150th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, New York, on May 20, 2024, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the communities of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Village of Sleepy Hollow.