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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the White Plains Juneteenth Parade on June 11, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the White Plains Juneteenth Parade, to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 in White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest-known celebration commemorating the final implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, This celebration began on June 19, 1865, the date Union soldiers under the command of Major General George Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with the news that the Civil War had ended and that all slaves were free; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, barbeques and family gatherings; and

WHEREAS, While Juneteenth is a time for celebration, it is also a time for reflection, education and self-improvement; celebration participants listen to elders recount the past, attend prayer services, and learn from educational speakers; and

WHEREAS, The treasured values of families united and wholesome entertainment for all ages reflected in this event help to foster community spirit and cooperation, as well as preserve the beliefs, ideals and values of these United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the White Plains Juneteenth Parade on June 11, 2011, fully

confident that such procedure mirrors our shared commitment to preserve
and yet effect that patrimony of freedom which is our American heritage;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Committee.