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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge organizations of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the complexion of the majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, to be celebrated at its Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at the Elks Club in Napanoch, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club is a not for profit corporation registered by the State of New York, dedicated to the conservation of our natural resources, protection of our rights under the second amendment and guardian of our natural resources; the organization promotes good fellowship, sportsmanship and a meeting place for those of similar persuasion; and

WHEREAS, The Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club is governed by a leadership consisting of a president, 1st and 2nd vice presidents, treasurer, recording secretary, membership secretary, newsletter editor, immediate past president and a board of six trustees each elected for a two year term; and

WHEREAS, Also known as the Wawarsing Sportsmen's Club, the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club was established in 1938 from the amalgamation of the Cotton Tail Club, the Southern Ulster Fish and Game Club, and the Ellenville Chapter of the Izaak Walton League; and

WHEREAS, The first official clubhouse was located in a building located behind the present Barthel Farm Stand between Ellenville and

Napanoch; trap and rifle shoots were held on a regular basis, which brought in much needed funds to help operate the club; and WHEREAS, In 1953 the men of the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club purchased the former Sutta Bungalow Colony, which contained 65 acres and a number of buildings; they renovated the casino, sold some land to the Ellenville Pistol Club, brought in their hand operated trap and went into the sportsmen's business in a big way; and

WHEREAS, While some clubs have come and gone and others are still struggling, the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club has survived and flourished; this is due in large part to their long standing policy of open membership; and

WHEREAS, The Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club takes pride in accepting all applicants regardless of age, gender, race or color; it has also opened its membership to those who live outside a twenty-five mile radius; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the year the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club supports many club projects such as the annual youth fishing contest open to the general public, an annual field day, dinners honoring daughters, sons, and mates, a July 4th float, sighting in day for the general public the day before deer season and special work days, to name a few; 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 honor the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling success which has so characterized its past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wawarsing Rod and Gun Club.