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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the City of Canandaigua, New York, on April 27, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and 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 100th Anniversary of the City of Canandaigua, in Ontario County, New York; this milestone was celebrated with a Birthday party on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, the question of the Village of Canandaigua becoming a city emerged; local leaders and businessmen revived the issue with a petition, dated January 20th, requesting the Village Board to set a date for public vote on this proposition, and if passed, a city charter would be adopted and submitted to the state legislature for approval; and

WHEREAS, The vote was passed by a narrow margin, and the village board members drafted a city charter for presentation to the state legislature by the end of February of that year; on April 28, 1913, the bill was signed by New York State Governor Sulzer, and Canandaigua officially became a city; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, the City of Canandaigua has faced many challenges and opportunities brought on by social, economic and political changes; government restructuring, immigration, women's suffrage, prohibition, world wars, economic busts and booms, urban renewal and historic preservation, all impacted the community; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, although there have been numerous changes to life in this small city, Canandaigua, New York, remains an ideal place to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the City of Canandaigua continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of 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 100th Anniversary of the City of Canandaigua, 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 the City of Canandaigua.