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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 60 and Gallup's Change Bridge No. 39 upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional governmental, cultural, educational and recreational facilities and institutions; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body that institutions and facilities that give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 60 and Gallup's Change Bridge No. 39 upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor spans 524 miles across the full expanse of upstate New York, encompassing the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego, and Champlain canals and their historic alignments, as well as more than 230 canal communities; and

WHEREAS, The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission and the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund work in partnership to preserve our extraordinary heritage, to promote the Corridor as a world class tourism destination, and to foster vibrant communities connected by the waterway; and

WHEREAS, Erie Canalway Heritage Awards of Excellence honor significant places of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and recognize excellence in advancing the goals of the Erie Canalway Preservation and

Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, One of the finest surviving locks of the Enlarged Erie Canal, Lock 60 opened in 1841; the lock was later doubled and lengthened to meet the demands of canal traffic; each stone chamber in the lock is 18-feet wide by 110-feet long; and

WHEREAS, Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 60 was abandoned in 1914 and replaced by Lock 30 of the Eric Barge Canal; and

WHEREAS, Once completely overgrown and forgotten by time, Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 60 and the bridge abutments at Gallup's Change Bridge No. 39 have been transformed by a 25-year preservation effort in the Town of Macedon; it is now an extraordinary park that is accessible to visitors coming by boat, bike, footpath, and car; and

WHEREAS, The historic canal sites at Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 60 and Gallup's Change Bridge No. 39 are located within a one-mile stretch along the Erie Canal and Erie Canalway Trail that features numerous preserved canal structures from the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, Together with nearby restored Aldrich Change Bridge and Palmrya Aqueduct at Macedon-Palmyra Park, Lock 60 and Gallup's Change Bridge present visitors an unparalleled opportunity to envision the Erie Canal of the 1800s while also enjoying today's canal and trail; and

WHEREAS. This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 60 and Gallup's Change Bridge No. 39 in Macedon, New York; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 60 and Gallup's Change Bridge No. 39 upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 Erie Canalway Heritage Award

of Excellence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Macedon Town Supervisor William Hammond.