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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Richburg Colonial Library in Richburg, New York

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge certain exemplary institutions that strive to provide educational and cultural opportunities to benefit their communities within this great Empire State through increased access to educational resources; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Richburg Colonial Library in Richburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Richburg Colonial Library was constructed around 1850 of the hand-hewn timbers on a foundation of rocks and stone; the building was originally called the Allen House and was used as a hotel; and

WHEREAS, The Richburg Colonial Library was later purchased as a residential home and renamed "Colonial Hall" with the intent to turn it into a library; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 1913, a committee was formed to investigate how to turn "Colonial Hall" into a library; on December 2, 1913, the library association was formed, and on June 24, 1914, a charter for the library was granted; and

WHEREAS, That fall, on October 30, 1914, dedication ceremonies were held; the newly-formed library opened with a collection of 370 books and 28 periodicals; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Richburg Colonial Library serves as the oldest library in the Southern Tier Library System; the library provides a wide range of library services to the Village of Richburg, the Town of Wirt and the Bolivar-Richburg School District; and

WHEREAS, The Richburg Colonial Library provides General Educational Development courses to those in the surrounding community who wish to obtain their degrees; it also offers computer classes, online job searching, and professional resume and cover letter skills; and

WHEREAS, The library strives to keep current with changing technology; they offer communication options through the Internet and also provide electronic books that patrons in the local community can borrow and enjoy; the Richburg Colonial Library now has a collection of over 9,000 books and periodicals; and

WHEREAS, The Richburg Colonial Library values its strong ties with the community and its ability to work closely with the local school district; each week, staff from the library read to kindergarten students at the Bolivar-Richburg Elementary School; the library provides vital services which are highly valued by the local community; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate milestones in the histories of certain exceptional libraries in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Richburg Colonial Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Richburg Colonial Library.