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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Roger Fay Williston Park Pool, and honoring former Williston Park Mayor, Roger Fay

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Roger Fay Williston Park Pool, and to honor the public servant responsible for its creation, former Williston Park Mayor Roger Fay; this joyous occasion was celebrated on Saturday, August 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The availability of exceptional local recreational facilities does more than provide opportunities for sport and amusement; it also contributes to the feeling of community spirit, vitality, and care so essential to societal well-being and development; and

WHEREAS, The Roger Fay Williston Park Pool has, for 50 years, been an important part of community life in the Village of Williston Park, providing not only a well-maintained swimming pool and bathhouse, but also a site for many Village events, including an annual Miss Williston Park pageant and synchronized swimming team performances, pie eating contests and other festivities; and

WHEREAS, Former Williston Park Mayor Roger Fay, who served as mayor from 1960 to 1968, got the idea for a municipal swimming pool when two teenage girls complained to him that they were being shut out of playing on the ball fields of a local park in the summer of 1961; and

WHEREAS, An exemplar of public service and responsiveness, in February 1962, Mayor Roger Fay appointed a five-person recreation committee to make proposals for the use of available Village land, with the idea of a swimming pool in mind; the committee unanimously favored building a pool; and

WHEREAS, The swimming pool opened on July 4, 1963, and was named in Roger Fay's honor in 2006; and

WHEREAS, 1963 also saw the construction of Williston Park's Village Hall, the Williston Park Fire Headquarters, and the village water works, all monuments to Roger Fay's leadership and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Now 96 years old, former Williston Park Mayor Roger Fay may look back with just pride on his accomplishments; he remains a singular asset to all of the citizens he has served in the community of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the presence of exceptional recreational facilities such as the Roger Fay Williston Park Pool, which bring the community and its residents together in a spirit of unity and enjoyment, and to commend those civic-minded individuals who make meeting the needs of their neighbors and community their responsibility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Roger Fay Williston Park Pool, and to honor former Williston Park Mayor Roger Fay; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Village of Williston Park, and former Mayor Roger Fay.