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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Huguenot Schoolhouse

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Huguenot Schoolhouse; this momentous occasion was celebrated with an Open House on Saturday, September 21, 2013, and Sunday, September 22, 2013, in Huguenot, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Huguenot Schoolhouse, established in 1863, is one of the few brick, one-room schoolhouses built in Orange County; local craftsman made the bricks from clay found along the banks of the nearby Neversink River; and

WHEREAS, In 1961 the school closed and the building was used as a social hall by Huguenot Fire Company, and then stood vacant for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Through the dedication and determination of a group of residents, restoration of the Huguenot Schoolhouse began in 1996; in 2001 the project was completed and the school re-opened as the Town of Deerpark Museum; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Town of Deerpark Museum is the acquisition, preservation, and restoration of artifacts for the purpose of

documenting and interpreting the history of the town through exhibitions, educational programs and publications for children and adults;
and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that institutions which are founded in educational purpose, and which help to preserve the history and heritage of a people, merit the highest commendation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Huguenot Schoolhouse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Deerpark Museum.