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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Cragsmoor Free Library

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, 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 Cragsmoor Free Library; this auspicious occasion was celebrated with an art tour and party at the library on Saturday, January 25, 2014, in Cragsmoor, New York; and

WHEREAS, During the late 1870s, Cragsmoor, New York, located in the Northern Shawangunk Mountains, saw a dramatic shift in weather that produced unusual flora and fauna, and extraordinary natural beauty; subsequently, artists began to settle in the area, and an Artist Colony was established; and

WHEREAS, The Cragsmoor Free Library was founded by this group of artists and their spouses in 1913 with a collection of donated books; after moving to various locations, a temporary charter was obtained in 1915, and in the early 1920s, the community came together and decided the collection needed its own building; and

WHEREAS, In 1923, The Cragsmoor Free Library was designed and constructed on land donated by Frederick Dellenbaugh; the library opened in 1925, was chartered as an Association Library by New York State in 1949, and has been in continuous service to the public since that time; and

WHEREAS, The library received a grant to pursue the admittance of

Cragsmoor to the National Register in the 1980s; on June 18, 1996, the Cragsmoor Historic District was created and entered on the New York State Register of Historic Places, and on August 7, 1996, the Cragsmoor Historic District became part of the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, this small library has become a community center; in addition to books, DVD's, newspapers and magazines, there are several computers available to its patrons, as well as numerous programs during the year that appeal to children and adults; and WHEREAS, In addition, the original founders of the Cragsmoor Art Colony and their contemporaries donated many of their works to the library, creating a truly unique and historical atmosphere; the Cragsmoor Free Library continues to be a proud and vital part of life in the Town of Cragsmoor, 100 years after it began; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Cragsmoor Free Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

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

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