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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 175th Anniversary of Denton Presbyterian Church of New Hampton, New York

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 175th Anniversary of Denton Presbyterian Church of New Hampton, New York; highlighting the theme: "Historically Faithful in the Reformed Tradition," the church will mark this most impressive milestone with several events, beginning with a special evening of Dinner, Program, and Square Dancing on Saturday, March 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Other festivities to honor the 175th Anniversary of Denton Presbyterian Church include a 175th Anniversary Weekend Celebration, August 29-31, 2014; this three-day event consists of: an Opening Celebration Program and Dessert on Friday, August 29, 2014; a Day in the Park on Saturday, August 30, 2014, that will feature a 5K run/walk/stretch and/or dance, a barbecue luncheon, music by Christian bands and singing; and, on Sunday, August 31, 2014, a special Morning Service and Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, Denton Presbyterian Church of New Hampton, New York, is located in the Town of Wawayanda; this venerable religious institution was accepted into Presbytery on March 26, 1839; and

WHEREAS, 175 years later, Denton Presbyterian Church proudly has a congregation of about 100 active members, counting many generations of families among its parishioners; and

WHEREAS, The culturally diverse congregation of Denton Presbyterian Church is a testament to family and friendship rooted in shared Christian love, prayer, song and worship; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its services that use blended and traditional styles of worship and music, Denton Presbyterian Church also has a Food Bank mission, which serves approximately 200 families each month; it also provides primary support to its missionary for over 40 years in Southeast Asia, as well as support to other local and international missions; and

WHEREAS, Denton Presbyterian Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Denton Presbyterian Church of New Hampton, New York, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Denton Presbyterian Church of New Hampton, New York.