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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Kent Public 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Kent Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1964, it began as the Willett C. Jewell Library Association in a storefront on Chauncey Road in Lake Carmel; eventually it changed its name to the Kent Literary Association, relocating to a corner of Gladys Boalt's sewing store; and

WHEREAS, On May 25, 1967, it was granted a provisional charter by the State Education Department as the Kent Free Public Library; and

WHEREAS, On September 26, 1987, by unanimous vote of the Kent Town Board, the library changed its status from an association library to a town public library, effective January 1, 1988; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 1988, the Kent Public Library was granted a permanent charter by the State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2001, the citizens of the Town of Kent overwhelmingly voted to build a new Town Center, which would include a new library building; it was completed in November 2004, and is located on Route 52 in the Kent Town Center; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Kent Public 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 50th Anniversary of the Kent Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Kent Public Library in Kent, New York.