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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Corning-Baron Steuben Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding organizations within our communities that, year after year, diligently work to preserve the history of New York State and the United States, encourage patriotism, and promote the advancement of education; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Corning-Baron Steuben Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, to be celebrated on Saturday, May 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) was founded in 1890, and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. as a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization that is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through the education of all children; and

WHEREAS, The Corning Chapter NSDAR was organized in Corning, New York on April 4, 1914, at the home of Mary (Bushnell) Sebring who was subsequently appointed Organizing Regent of the new chapter by the National Society; there were 14 women present for their first meeting, 12 of whom became the first members of this illustrious organization; and

WHEREAS, Membership increased to 27 members by November 7, 1914, during which time officers were elected and all members voted to call the chapter, Corning Chapter; the name remained for 78 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sebring remained Organizing Regent for 14 years, and in 1926, a chair was placed in Constitutional Hall in Washington, D.C. in

her honor; and

WHEREAS, By 1936, membership had grown to 77 members, and through the years, the Corning Chapter NSDAR carried on a patriotic program, gave support to the war effort during the second World War, and ensured the graves of fallen Revolutionary War Soldiers were properly marked; and

WHEREAS, The Baron Steuben Chapter was organized January 16, 1897 at the home of Mrs. Charles F. Kingsley who was named the first Regent; the new chapter took the name of Baron Steuben and enrolled 112 members; and WHEREAS, Mrs. Kingsley set a high standard and continued to serve in the capacity of Regent until 1910, during which time she declined re-election and was named Honorary Regent for Life; and

WHEREAS, The Baron Steuben Chapter was instrumental in the restoration of Baron Steuben's grave at Remsen, New York, and ten graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers were marked in Steuben County; the chapter also contributed to schools, educational items, and war relief; and

WHEREAS, On the verge of disbanding in 1991, the Corning Chapter suggested merging the two chapters together; one year later the Corning-Baron Steuben Chapter was approved by the National Organization in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Corning-Baron Steuben Chapter NSDAR continues their work promoting patriotism, working with and supporting veterans, awarding an annual scholarship, preserving the history of the local community, and assisting those descendants of Revolutionary War Soldiers in becoming members of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Corning-Baron Steuben Chapter

of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution; and be
it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Corning-Baron Steuben Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.