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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of The Walton Theatre, to be celebrated on June 14, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Walton Theatre, to be celebrated at a community-wide event in Walton, New York, on Saturday, June 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Theatre held its grand opening on April 21, 1914; it replaced an earlier building destroyed by fire, which had housed the village hall, opera house, and fire department; and

WHEREAS, In its early days, this esteemed institution featured lavish musical and dramatic productions, movies, and circuses; it also hosted such notable speakers as President Theodore Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Theatre has been a true touchstone of its community, hosting numerous class nights, graduations, and other such events over the years; in addition, it has also been the site of many reunions; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, the Walton Theatre was placed on the National Register of Historical Places in recognition of its distinguished place in the history of our country; and

WHEREAS, Two years later, a theater restoration group, now known as the Walton Theatre Preservation Committee, was formed to bring the venerable building back to its former glory; its extensive and ongoing improvements include restoring the lobby, replacing the stained glass windows in the foyer, and installing state-of-the-art equipment to show

first-run movies with modern digital film and sound quality; and
WHEREAS, Thanks to the help of its many volunteers and donors, the
Walton Theatre endures as a centerpiece of community life in the village
of Walton, showcasing the performance arts for many years to come; and
WHEREAS, As the Walton Theatre looks back with great pride to its
beginnings, viewing, with just satisfaction, its successful evolution,
it renews both its dedication to supporting artistic excellence, and its
commitment to the community it has served since 1914, expressing its
appreciation to all those who have helped to sustain and enhance it over
the years; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Walton Theatre; and be it
further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to the Walton Theatre.