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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Oneida Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as it promotes Constitution Week

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded organizations and community members who dedicate their lives to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Oneida Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as it promotes Constitution Week September 17-23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization; DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Oneida Chapter, NSDAR, is the 4th oldest chapter in New York and 49th in the Nation; it was organized in June of 1893 and is the first women's society to be formed in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedoms and to ensure those unalienable rights to every American; and

WHEREAS, The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1955 when DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week; it was signed into public law on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, Through its promotion of Constitution Week, the Oneida Chapter DAR will emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, and inform people that the Constitution is

the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Constitution Week encourages the study of historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September of 1787; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 commend the Oneida Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as it promotes Constitution Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Oneida Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.