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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Lodge No. 2022 for its 15th Annual Golf Tournament in support of disabled veterans

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Elks Lodge and their commitment to the veteran community through their 15th Annual Golf Tournament, to be held on June 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Proceeds from the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Elks Lodge's Annual Golf Tournament go towards supporting veterans of all wars and conflicts throughout the year with a focus on veterans from Castle Point and Montrose Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, These events help to carry out the mission of the Elks Lodge which is to inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in GOD; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American

Patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share; and

WHEREAS, Public service is an integral part of the Elks; in keeping with this tradition, Elks create and participate in many programs to better their communities, including hosting several events for veterans throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Veterans events sponsored by the Red Hook Elks Lodge average nearly 100 veterans per event, with wide outreach; and

WHEREAS, Community outreach to veterans is tied to the Elks' motto of As Long As There Are Veterans, The Elks Will Never Forget Them; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments, which serve to bring people together for such constructive and beneficial purposes, are brought to our attention, they should be 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 15th Anniversary of the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Elks Lodge Golf Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, No. 2022.