

## 2013-K1142

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Richmond Memorial 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 of its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Richmond Memorial Library, at its Tea with the Richmonds Celebration, on Thursday, April 3, 2014, in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community and known for both her charity and sharp business acumen, Mary E. Richmond memorialized her late son and husband with the donation of The Richmond Memorial Library; and

WHEREAS, The Richmond Memorial Library is as vital and important today as it was when it first opened to the public April 6, 1889; it has been able to remain true to its founder's vision even as it adapted to meet changing times over more than a century; and

WHEREAS, Construction of the Richmond Memorial Library began on July 11, 1887, and the building was formally presented to the Union Free School District No. 2, now Batavia City School District, on March 12, 1889; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Wood served as the first Librarian and set a tone of service by instituting a story hour for children; generations of librarians have followed in her footsteps, each seeking new ways of encouraging people of all ages to read; and

WHEREAS, Today, Richmond Memorial Library serves the public in count-

less ways and has been instrumental in the success of the Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging in Genesee County which, with the SAGE program, delivers books and other items to senior citizens unable to travel to the library; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the library offers its space for community meetings and serves as a gallery for the display of local art work; as a member of the NIOGA Library System, Richmond Memorial Library provides access to research and other materials far beyond the means of a single community library; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Richmond Memorial Library has undergone vast changes and its offerings go far beyond books; its purpose, however, remains true to its 125 year old vision of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded 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 125th Anniversary of Richmond Memorial Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richmond Memorial Library.