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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Woodhull Raceway on April 19, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the State of New York has been greatly enhanced by the presence of certain extraordinary recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Woodhull Raceway which was celebrated on Saturday, April 19, 2014, in Woodhull, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, the Woodhull Raceway was first opened by owner George Williams, who with the help of his two sons, Jim and Bob, designed and constructed the renowned racetrack; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 50th consecutive season of continuous race activity at the historic Steuben County, New York facility; and

WHEREAS, The Woodhull Raceway has a unique configuration that has appealed to generations of drivers and racing spectators alike; the racetrack possesses long straight-a-ways and highly banked tight turns for a "paperclip" design; and

WHEREAS, During the racetrack's illustrious history there have been only four different owners; the Williams Family owned the facility from 1965 thru 1997, followed by Scott and Amy Drake from 1998 thru 2004; Vern Wasson owned the racetrack from 2005 thru 2009, until it was bought by current owner, Harrison Valley businessman, Ted White; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Woodhull Raceway is presenting six regular season divisions of competition, including 370 Modifieds, 360 Late Models, Crate Sportsman, Street Stocks, 4 Cylinder Mini Stocks and Front Wheel Drives; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Woodhull Raceway plays host each year to a

number of outside touring groups and special events, including 360 and 410 Sprints, Super Late Models, Mid-State Vintage Antique Cars and Big Block Modifieds; for the past three seasons, the Woodhull Raceway has boasted an average car count of 150 per regular race event with approximately 25 cars per class; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 50-year history, Woodhull Raceway has embodied more than large crowds and great speed; the racing community continues to return year after year to witness the exciting moments and unique charms that have made this place one of the premier motorsports facilities in New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the important milestones of celebrated recreational institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Woodhull Raceway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ted White, Owner, Woodhull Raceway.