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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Strong National Museum of Play Library upon the occasion of being named Honorable Mention in the 2014 Rochester Regional Library Council's Public Library of the Year contest

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Strong National Museum of Play Library upon the occasion of being named Honorable Mention in the 2014 Rochester Regional Library Council's Public Library of the Year contest by the Rochester Regional Library Council; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the Casa Larga in Fairport, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC) is a multi-type library network serving libraries and library systems in the five-county Rochester region of Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Wayne and Wyoming counties; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the RRLC recognizes outstanding libraries who have provided exceptional service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Strong National Museum of Play is the only collections-based museum in the world devoted solely to the act of play; it blends the best features of both history museums and children's museums to provide an exciting, welcoming place to play, learn, and dream; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable institution's multitude of offerings include: fun-filled educational programs, hands-on exhibits, fascinating displays of artifacts of play, and a wonderful library; and

WHEREAS, The Strong National Museum of Play Library plays an integral

role in helping the museum provide a place for patrons to discover the past and imagine the future, and to rekindle old memories and make new ones; and

WHEREAS, In cooperation with the Rochester Public Library System, this innovative library has made reading books a large part of the museum experience; while touring exhibits, museum visitors can borrow books on topics of interest, which can then be returned to any outside library in the system; and

WHEREAS, The Strong National Museum of Play Library has become an important resource for encouraging children to read, learn, and grow; its unique approach extends the concepts and ideas learned from a museum visit, while helping children's reading abilities grow naturally; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an institution of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it 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 commend the Strong National Museum of Play Library upon the occasion of being named Honorable Mention in the 2014 Rochester Regional Library Council's Public Library of the Year contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Strong National Museum of Play Library.