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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Annual Baker Family Reunion

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes that the heritage of the State of New York has been strengthened by the quality and character of its families and their commitment to the values upon which the State was founded; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of these family values, and in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 150th Annual Baker Family Reunion to be held in Saratoga County in the Town of Malta; and

WHEREAS, The Baker Family traces its roots to James Baker, born April 28, 1765, on Long Island, who numbered among the children of Peter and Mary Baker; James had one son by his first wife, Cornelia Westervelt; after Cornelia's death, James Baker married Ruth Post in Dutchess County, and they had 15 sons; and

WHEREAS, James Baker and three of his brothers fought in the Revolutionary War, with James Baker serving in the New York Militia of Dutchess County under Colonel Brinkerhoff; and

WHEREAS, The James Baker family eventually settled in the Town of Stillwater, Saratoga County, in 1800, in a homestead still standing on Viall Avenue Hill in Stillwater, about one half-mile north of the City of Mechanicville; and

WHEREAS, The 15 sons of James and Ruth Post Baker subsequently moved to various parts of Saratoga County, where they became farmers, merchants, professionals and public servants; and

WHEREAS, There are now thousands of descendants of those 15 sons living throughout Saratoga County, the Capital District, the Empire State, the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, The Baker Family maintains the best traditions of those earliest of Bakers, whose family bonds promoted their care of each other, and of their neighbors and friends, as is reflected again in this 150th Anniversary family gathering; and

WHEREAS, The Baker Family has over the last centuries maintained, honored, and cherished those ideals, principles, and basic freedoms so fundamental to our American heritage; and

WHEREAS, It is the Baker family's pride in its own heritage, a reflection of American heritage, which recommends the Baker Family for special commendation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and commemorate the 150th Annual Baker Family Reunion, and extend the best wishes of the people of New York State upon this memorable occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph A. Cutshall-King, 2014 President of the Baker Family Reunion.