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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Town of Middlesex upon the occasion of dedicating a Pomeroy Foundation Historic Roadside Marker to the Overackers Corners School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations and individuals which seek to bring recognition to historical places within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Town of Middlesex upon the occasion of dedicating a Pomeroy Foundation Historic Roadside Marker to the Overackers Corners School on Sunday, July 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The William G. Pomeroy Foundation commemorates historic places across New York State by awarding grants to install historic markers for buildings built in the years 1740-1900; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex has chosen to dedicate a William G. Pomeroy Foundation historic marker to the Overackers Corners School in recognition of its important place in the history of its community; and

WHEREAS, Built from bricks produced by a local factory, the Overackers Corners School first opened in 1874, and was named after the local Overacker family who lived nearby; it featured large windows on three sides which provided light, and a stove in the middle of the room for heat; drinking water was carried to the school from a nearby well; and

WHEREAS, For many years, the Overackers Corners School provided quality education to the children of the Town of Middlesex, teaching such subjects as reading, spelling, arithmetic, and geography; and

WHEREAS, In 1933, this esteemed schoolhouse was pictured in the maga-

zine, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC; and

WHEREAS, The Overackers Corners School closed in 1937, and was purchased by Leon Button two years later; the Button family continues to own the building and now leases it to the Middlesex Heritage Group; and WHEREAS, The Overackers Corners School is listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places, and remains a unique historical treasure for all to see; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Overackers Corners School, and for all of the individuals who have worked to bring proper attention to a place and time which merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Town of Middlesex upon the occasion of dedicating a Pomeroy Foundation Historic Roadside Marker to the Overackers Corners School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Win Harper, President of the Middlesex Heritage Group.