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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Fluvanna Free Library in Jamestown, New York

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge certain exemplary institutions that strive to provide educational and cultural opportunities to benefit their communities within this great Empire State through increased access to educational resources; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Fluvanna Free Library in Jamestown, New York; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1914, a meeting was called by the Fluvanna Girls Club for the purpose of forming a Library Association; at this meeting, 20 men and women signified their interest by agreeing to become members of the association; on September 23, 1914, a meeting was held at the home of G.E. Bentley where five trustees were elected in addition to officers; the first President of the library was Edwin Sample; and

WHEREAS, The first money contributed towards the Fluvanna Free Library was made by the Fluvanna Girls Club in the amount of \$30 for a book fund and \$17 for supplies; the amount of donations was matched by the State of New York; the library opened with 58 books for adults, and 33 books for children; and

WHEREAS, The Fluvanna Free Library was first located in a cloak room on the top floor of the old Fluvanna School; as the school grew, the library was forced to move into the basement; eventually, the library was forced out of the school and relocated in a barn on the farm of Ronnie Lambs; and

WHEREAS, On November 28, 1916, the library was registered as the

Fluvanna Free Library by a vote of the Board of Regents in Albany, New York; in 1917, the library moved from the farm to property purchased on the corner of Elmhurst Avenue and Old Route 17; this lot was later sold and the money used toward the construction of the current library in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Today, the library is located on Fluvanna Avenue in Jamestown, New York; the original librarian, Anna Sondell, was able to secure the land through a donation; Anna Sondell successfully managed the library for a total of 76 years; and

WHEREAS, The Fluvanna Free Library is open six days a week and is run by all volunteers, except for the Director and Assistant Librarian; the library offers information, education, and entertainment to the public through books, DVDs, and computers; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate milestones in the histories of certain exceptional libraries in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Fluvanna Free Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fluvanna Free Library.