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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Ellery Baptist Church

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the people and communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Ellery Baptist Church which is located in the Town of Ellery, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ellery Baptist Church was the second Baptist Society to be organized, but the first to build a house of worship in the Town of Ellery; the society was organized with nine members in 1814 by Elder Asa Turner, who was the first Pastor of the church and an early missionary to Chautauqua County; and

WHEREAS, Ellery Baptist Church was officially incorporated on November 12, 1821; however, at the time the church was known as The Baptist Church of Christ in Ellery; the first church building, which seated approximately 200 people, was erected in 1830; it was located near the corner of Luce Road and the Ellery Center-Jones Corner Road in the Town of Ellery; and

WHEREAS, In 1858, the church was in need of repairs, and it was voted upon to build a new and larger church; the new church opened for worship in 1862; despite some opposition, in 1889, the church was renamed the Ellery Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, there were many repairs and additions made to the church; the church was wired for electricity in 1934; repainted in 1959 and 75 new hymnals were purchased; in 1973, two rooms upstairs and a room downstairs were redecorated with new carpet and

furniture; a parsonage and land were purchased next to the church in 1973; and a full basement, which included a kitchen and Fellowship Hall, was added to the church in 1976; and

WHEREAS, The current pastor of Ellery Baptist Church, Steven Malanowski, holds a Worship Service every Sunday morning; the church also has youth, men's, and women's ministry programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of churches large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Ellery Baptist Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Steven Malanowski, Ellery Baptist Church.