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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Hyde Park Railroad Station

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those who 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 commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Hyde Park Railroad Station; and

WHEREAS, The Hyde Park Railroad Station is located on River Road in Hyde Park, New York, at Riverside Park; a station was built at this location in 1851, when the Hudson River Railroad was constructed from New York City to Albany; that structure was torn down and replaced by the current station in 1914; and

WHEREAS, The architects of the Hyde Park Station, Reed and Stern and Warren and Wetmore, were the same who designed Grand Central Station in New York City; during its construction, electricity had not yet been run down River Road; and

WHEREAS, The closest electric lines to the Hyde Park Railroad Station were along what is now Route 9; the station was built with electric wiring, but was not connected for several years; until electric street-lights were put in on River Road, the road to the station was lit by gas lamps; and

WHEREAS, Regularly scheduled passenger service to the Hyde Park Railroad Station began in 1851, and in 1953, after over a century, regular passenger service was suspended; and

WHEREAS, The last year the New York Central listed the Hyde Park

Station on its list of stations was 1958, subsequently the outer two tracks of the four-track "Water Level Route" were removed, and the entrances to the tunnel passage serving the southbound platform were boarded over; during this time the New York Central sold the abandoned station on the Town of Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, Since 1975, the Hudson Valley Railroad Society (HVRRS) has been restoring the Hyde Park Station; proceeds from the HVRRS's yearly Train Show help continue to raise funds for restoration; and

WHEREAS, A great deal of repair work, both interior and exterior had to be done by the society; windows, doors, exterior trim, as well as the Spanish tile roof had to be repaired or replaced to ensure the station was weather tight; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the interior work included rebuilding the ticket booth, as well as refurbishing the waiting room, baggage room and benches; wiring, plumbing and heating systems had to be rebuilt, and was done at the Society's own expense; and

WHEREAS, Today, inside the Hyde Park Railroad Station you will find displays depicting the area's railroading past, running model trains, and knowledgeable railroad enthusiasts who can answer your questions about the great "Iron Horse"; and

WHEREAS, This historical Station is located at the foot of the hill which is formed by West Market Street and River Road that follows the south wall of the Vanderbilt's Estate; although the station is inactive, it will always remain a distinguished part of the history of this Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Hyde Park Railroad Station, 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

commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Hyde Park Railroad Station.