

## 2015-J2176

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Town of Camillus, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Re-Dedication and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Veterans Park at Gillie Lake on May 23, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; 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 Camillus, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Re-Dedication and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Veterans Park at Gillie Lake on Saturday, May 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, At this year's fine event, the Town of Camillus will be celebrating the addition of two ceremonial cannons at Gillie Lake Veterans Memorial Park, which were built and donated by Mark Eckert; and

WHEREAS, New York was the first state to formally recognize Memorial Day, then known as Decoration Day, as a holiday to honor our fallen veterans; Memorial Day is not a celebration, but rather a day of taking time out for remembrance, as characterized by our ancestors who observed the day by taking time out to remember family members and neighbors who lost their lives in the Civil War that divided our nation; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Park at Gillie Lake is a 94 acre parcel of land with a seven acre spring-fed lake; it has often been described as the gem of the West Hill of Camillus; and

WHEREAS, Originally under private ownership, this renowned recreational area was donated to the public, and renamed Veterans Memorial Park at Gillie Lake in 1996; and

WHEREAS, One of the most popular summer destinations in the Camillus

community, Veterans Park at Gillie Lake plays host to numerous special events, including the annual 4th of July Celebration; and  
WHEREAS, Today, Veterans Park at Gillie Lake consists of the veterans memorial monuments, a renovated one room schoolhouse, a playground and beach, as well as open air pavilions and numerous picnic areas; and  
WHEREAS, As we remember our deceased veterans, we also recall their brave and noble deeds, that in the more than 200 years of our country's existence, have served to maintain our most precious freedoms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Town of Camillus, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Re-Dedication and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Veterans Park at Gillie Lake on May 23, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Camillus, New York.