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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Phillipsport Community Center in Phillipsport, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those illustrious organizations within this great State and Nation whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Phillipsport Community Center in Phillipsport, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Phillipsport Community Center Association, Inc. is a community-based volunteer resource center which diligently works to identify, develop, and facilitate caring and vital support services which are not provided by the local government or community; and

WHEREAS, The Phillipsport Community Center Association, Inc. strives to enhance the quality of life for all members of its community through social, educational, recreational, and health programs; and

WHEREAS, Housed in the historic Phillipsport Schoolhouse, the Phillipsport Community Center has been an enduring presence in the Mamakating Valley community of Sullivan County, New York, since its inception in 1956; and

WHEREAS, After the 100-year-old Phillipsport Schoolhouse closed, a group of concerned neighbors were afraid that the historic, one-room school would fall to serious disrepair; the worried citizens, many of whom had attended the school, decided to form a community association and purchase the building in 1947; unfortunately, their offer was not accepted; and

WHEREAS, In 1955, Anna Budd took the train to Albany, New York, to

meet with her friend, then Governor Lehman; miraculously, a deal was reached, and the association purchased the Phillipsport Schoolhouse for \$1 from the Ellenville School District; and

WHEREAS, One year later, the association prepared a letter of incorporation; the dynamic group held tag sales, penny socials, suppers, and luncheons to raise funds to dig a new well; later, a kitchen was installed, and then, a bathroom; eventually, the building was freshly painted by inmates from the Eastern Correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last six decades, many others joined these early preservationists who had the foresight to recognize the value of this property to local history and to the community; the original group included Anna Budd, Bill and Margaret Morgan, Frank and Marian Blades, Bill and Cynthia Ringle, Nate and Frances Budd, Dorothy Fasanella, Niki and Lenore, and numerous others; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Morgans, the Blades, Mike and Evelyn Jarvis, Gloria and Denise Falzon, Edith Hehrshenart, Marcia Zimmerman, Judy Frank, Mark Sarazen, and Matthew Migliaccio have all held the leadership position of President of the association; and

WHEREAS, Today, the association is comprised of many generous members and benefactors who strive to continue preservation efforts to the historic schoolhouse, and make substantial contributions to local charities each year; and

WHEREAS, After 60 years of service, the Phillipsport Community Center continues to assist youth, seniors, the underprivileged, and others within the community through donations, fundraisers, gifts, and services in kind; and

WHEREAS, The success of Phillipsport Community Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and staff, whose involve-

ment is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this institution and the community it serves;

and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Phillipsport Community Center in Phillipsport, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Phillipsport Community Center Association, Inc.