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Senate Resolution No. 2223

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Hepburn
Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; 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 the Hepburn Library in Madrid, New York, to be celebrated with an Open House on Saturday, June 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Hepburn Library was built as a result of the generosity of B.A. Hepburn, a nationally prominent banker, financial advisor and philanthropist, who had a deep appreciation for education, and wished to see a library created to serve the town of Madrid; and

WHEREAS, On February 13, 1917, the residents of Madrid voted to accept Mr. Hepburn's gift of a free public library and made a promise to maintain it; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hepburn thereafter selected a centrally located site

for the library and hired New York City architects, Rossiter & Muller to design the library using a Dutch design and builders C. E. Castle of Ogdensburg to construct it; he also donated the library's first 300 books; and

WHEREAS, The library now houses a collection of over 10,000 items, and access to e-books, e-audio books and many digital databases; and

WHEREAS, The Hepburn Library has undergone various renovations throughout its history, including new front stairs, handicapped access, an updated roof, upgrades to its community kitchen, air conditioning, gas inserts in its upstairs fireplaces, and most recently, an ADA compliant lift; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings, with its original 300 books, the Hepburn Library has grown and now includes a Summer Reading Program, a Battle of the Books and a Teen Tourney and many other worthy programs; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Hepburn Library, under the luminous leadership of Director Laurel Murphy, may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laurel Murphy, Director, Hepburn Library, Madrid, New York.

