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Assembly Resolution No. 704

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COMMENDING the 3 Sisters' Lighthouses of Oneida Lake upon the occasion of celebrating their 100th Anniversary on July 2, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to support the preservation and commendation of historical landmarks which express and preserve the social and cultural origins of this great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the 3 Sisters' Lighthouses of Oneida Lake upon the occasion of celebrating their 100th Anniversary, to be celebrated at a myriad of events on Sunday, July 2, 2017, at Rear Range Lighthouse Park in Brewerton, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will include a fishing tournament for kids, entertainment, free kayaking and free rides on a solar-powered canal boat in and around Frenchman's Island as well as a craft fair and kid zone; and

WHEREAS, Oneida Lake is the largest body of water entirely within the boundaries of New York State; connecting to the Erie Canal on each end with islands in between, these three identical light towers have

guided community and recreational watercraft along the 22-mile stretch of Oneida Lake since 1917; and

WHEREAS, The Verona Beach Lighthouse, Frenchmen's Island Lighthouse and the Brewerton Lighthouse work together to ensure people's safety on New York State's largest lake, which stretches from Verona Beach to Brewerton and Hastings; and

WHEREAS, The construction of the lighthouses was a key component to navigation along the Erie Canal, which opened up in 1825 and allowed travelers and businesses to sail from New York City, up the Hudson to Albany, and then along the canal to Oneida Lake; and

WHEREAS, Once the Oswego Canal opened up in 1828, travelers and business boats could continue from Oneida Lake on to Oswego and Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, The Verona Beach and Brewerton towers were lit for the first time in the summer of 1917, while the light at Fisherman's Island was not activated until the following year; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the 3 Sisters' Lighthouses of Oneida Lake's rich history and enduring contribution to the heritage of the State of New York, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to join in the celebration so that present and future generations may come to appreciate the unique significance which their history plays in the progression of our State and Nation's evolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the 3 Sisters' Lighthouses of Oneida Lake upon the occasion of celebrating their 100th Anniversary on July 2, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 3 Sisters' Lighthouses of Oneida.