

## 2017-J3512

Senate Resolution No. 3512

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Hamlet of Lake View, New York, in Erie County

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Hamlet of Lake View, New York, in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the LV 150 Committee, this auspicious milestone will be celebrated with a myriad of special events held throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Located along the banks of Lake Erie, the Hamlet of Lake View was formed by settlers, in particular the influential Myer family, in order to establish a stop along the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway which would eventually become the New York Central Railroad; the Railroad served most of the Northeast, including extensive trackage in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts and West Virginia plus additional trackage in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec; and

WHEREAS, In 1868, James Walden, the brother of Catherine Myer, was appointed the first postmaster at the new Lake View Post Office, a small, frame building located in the center of town; and

WHEREAS, Early residents of Lake View included Ebenezer Ames, Jacob F. Schoellkopf, and Ebenezer Walden, a prominent Buffalo attorney and mayor whose family built the Lake View Hotel in 1880 to serve the many traveling salesmen who arrived on the seven daily trains on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway to sell their wares in the surrounding countryside; and

WHEREAS, By 1890, two more railroads ran through Lake View, the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad (the Nickel Plate Road) and the Pennsylvania Railroad which brought economic prosperity to the small community; an electric trolley called the Buffalo & Erie was built to facilitate travel to and from Buffalo and operated until the mid-1930s; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Lake View continued to thrive with the help of several prominent attorneys from the Buffalo area who built a summer resort colony called Idlewood in 1886; in the decades to follow, several other buildings were constructed including the Lake View Community Church in 1889, Lake View School in 1890, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in 1921; the the Day Bicycle Factory was formed in 1895 and the Lake View Fire Association in 1923; and

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2011, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church and the congregation from St. Vincent de Paul Roman

Catholic Church were merged and officially renamed Blessed John Paul II Parish; in 2014, the parish was once again renamed St. John Paul II R.C. Church; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Hamlet of Lake View continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Hamlet of Lake View, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Julie Palmer, Chairperson, LV 150 Committee.