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Senate Resolution No. 3720

BY: Senator YOUNG

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of Holiday  
Valley in Ellicottville, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of exceptional organizations that are a part of the community and comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accordance with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The origin of Holiday Valley dates back to 1936, when G. Wilbur "Doc" Northrup and German Ski Champion Karl Fahrner brought the State Skiing Championships to Ellicottville; this began the development of a ski town where, in 1957, the Ellicottville Ski Club purchased 30 acres of land and formed the Win-Sum Ski Corporation; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2018, Holiday Valley Resort celebrated 60 years of operation since the first T-bar and slope opened to the public on January 4, 1958; since opening day, the resort has continuously made significant improvements to become the year-round destination that it is today; and

WHEREAS, During its first few years, additional tows and the Tannenbaum T-bar were installed, and at the end of its first decade of operation, the Mardi Gras double chair and School Haus T-bar were installed; in 1962, the first nine holes of golf opened up to energize the year-round mantra; by 1965, the first snowmaking equipment was installed; and

WHEREAS, Many additions and improvements would be made over the decades including significant changes in the 1980s: a clubhouse expansion; the Morning Star Triple Chair, Mardi Gras Quad Chair and Snow Pine Double Chair were installed; the Middle Chalet was expanded and the Holiday Valley Rental Management Office opened; the resort purchased the Holiday Valley Motel and opened the Holiday Valley Realty Office; the School Haus Double Chair was installed and the Slippery Streets Clubhouse opened; a second nine holes of golf was added in addition to the Clubhouse being enlarged and the Tannenbaum Triple Chair opened; and

WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Holiday Valley opened various chairlifts, including the Mardi Gras Xpress Hi Speed Quad Chair Lift; a Pool Complex and Day Care Center opened as well as the construction of the Tannenbaum Lodge and completion of the iconic clock tower; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, Holiday Valley has introduced the Yodeler Lodge, and the Holiday Valley Tubing Company opened in 2003; the Tannenbaum Lodge was expanded and the Spruce Lake Reservoir for snowmaking was completed in 2006; during the last decade, continued improvements have been made in snowmaking, the opening of Sky High Aerial Park, the Mountain Coaster, and the Holiday Valley Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Holiday Valley is a true gem that has been instrumental in boosting tourism for the region; this historic resort will continue to

thrive and help create memories for families in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of communities large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Holiday Valley.