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Assembly Resolution No. 909

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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Glens Falls Area Youth Center

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the health and welfare of our young people; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Glens Falls Area Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2018, former participants, staff, board members and supporters will gather together at a special reunion to celebrate this auspicious occasion; it is an opportunity for the Center to thank everyone who truly believed in its mission and gave of their valuable time and energy to help the youth of Glens Falls; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, the Glens Falls Area Youth Center has served as a safe haven for thousands of young people in Warren County; it is a place where teenagers truly feel welcome, accepted, and loved, and thereby, creating a warm and comfortable place where anyone who walks

through the door is made to feel important; and

WHEREAS, The Glens Falls Area Youth Center offers a variety of recreation, programs and services for local teenagers including arts and crafts, games, athletics, tutoring, daily meals, and the opportunity to improve personal hygiene and develop basic social skills; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Glens Falls Area Youth Center served 2,500 young people by providing 14,911 meals, and awarding \$4,000 in college scholarships; in addition, 2,503 youths improved their grades through tutoring programs, and 19,643 individuals participated in various recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Glens Falls Area Youth Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of Executive Director Matt Congdon, and his staff, whose involvement 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 the 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 50th Anniversary of the Glens Falls Area Youth Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matt Congdon, Executive Director, Glens Falls Area Youth Center.

