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Senate Resolution No. 5435

BY: Senator YOUNG

COMMEMORATING the Bicentennial Anniversary of the
Town of Great Valley

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize events of significance which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; each city, town, village and hamlet within the borders of our great Empire State proudly resonates with its rich and noble history; and

WHEREAS, It is also custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the anniversaries of the founding of municipalities throughout the State, noting in turn their contributions to the fabric and progression 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 Bicentennial Anniversary of the Town of Great Valley; and

WHEREAS, 200 years is truly a remarkable milestone, with an interesting history that has been carried throughout the ages; the Town of Great Valley is holding events from April through July of 2018 in celebration of 200 years on the founding of the municipality; the Town of Great Valley was formed from the Town of Olean on April 15, 1818; and

WHEREAS, The name of the Town is derived from the broad valley of Great Valley Creek, an important stream that flows into the Allegheny River at Kill Buck; and

WHEREAS, As Great Valley grew, numerous hamlets were established throughout the town which include: Kill Buck, Great Valley, Great Valley Station, Sugartown, Peth and Willoughby; and

WHEREAS, The Town Historian Marilyn Siperek and Genealogist Dawn Westfall have spent countless hours researching and planning the festivities included as part of the bicentennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, At the kick-off of the bicentennial celebration in April, 83 Pioneer Certificates were presented to those whose ancestors lived in town before or between 1840 and 1920; other events over several months include: The Great Gatsby Costume Party; Heritage Day; Poodle Skirts and Planes event; Vintage Airplane Fly-in; Old Home Days Community Celebration Day, and this event continues with "Farming in Great Valley;" all of these community events are an opportunity for families to come together to share in the noble history of Great Valley; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the rich history and enduring contribution of the Town of Great Valley to the heritage of the State of New York, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to join in commemorating the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Town of Great Valley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Town of Great Valley; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the Town of Great Valley.