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Senate Resolution No. 5633

BY: Senator STAVISKY

COMMEMORATING the 20th Anniversary of the Flushing Library on June 30, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Flushing Library on Saturday, June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Located on Kissena Boulevard and Main Street, the Flushing Library is the largest and busiest community library in New York State; this four-level, 76,000-square foot facility hosts 1.8 million visitors per year; and

WHEREAS, The Flushing Library houses more than 365,000 library items, state-of-the-art electronic information resources, a Job information Center, a 223-seat auditorium, multiple meeting rooms, and an Adult Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Library is an institution which includes endeavors to increase adult literacy, and hosts numerous community cultural events; and

WHEREAS, The top level of the Flushing Library is home to the International Resource Center, which provides resources, information and referrals to customers who wish to know more about the cultures and languages of the world; additionally, it houses international books, newspapers and magazines and includes special collections; and

WHEREAS, With the largest children's room in the Queens Library System, the Flushing Library attracts more than 5,000 people every day, and circulation is currently approximately 200,000 per month; and

WHEREAS, The Flushing Library has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the 2001 Honor Award for Architecture by the American Institute of Architects; its Multi-Cultural Center was also recognized as Institutional Project of the Year by New York Construction News; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Flushing Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Flushing Library June 30, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Flushing Library.