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Senate Resolution No. 778

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the
Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; 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 Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum to be celebrated at an event on Saturday, April 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, the Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum will proudly unveil a public art project; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum has stayed true to its mission of leading and supporting education and preservation efforts in its region to achieve a heightened awareness, understanding, enjoyment, and caring for our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Established in April of 1973, the Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum has gone from educating several thousand people each year with a few program animals to educating more than 35,000 each year with more than 40 species of program and exhibit animals; and

WHEREAS, The Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum was started on leased land and in a small building, to 10 miles of trails and a permanent site with a museum built in 2003, and a post and beam lodge educational space built in 2015; and

WHEREAS, The museum's trails encompass various habitats found all across New York State; from the meadows of old farmlands, rounded hills formed by ancient glaciers, complex wetlands including ponds and vernal pools, expansive deciduous forests to the steep slopes and expansive views of Frenchman's Bluff; and

WHEREAS, Through the generosity of many friends over the years, the Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum are always free to visit, and hosts camps for students in kindergarten through fifth grade each summer, and adult team building, senior citizens, and library programming; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff and board, 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded 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 Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum.