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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Middleport

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, In accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the purpose of this Legislative Body to now commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Middleport, in Niagara County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Middleport was first settled in 1806, the United States Post Office was established in 1825; it was formerly known as Tea-Pot Hollow before it was renamed and incorporated as a Village in 1859; its community slogan, "A Friendly Community," came from President Franklin D. Roosevelt who once visited Middleport and observed the welcoming nature of the local residents; and

WHEREAS, Located on the Erie Canal, Middleport's history is closely tied to the historic waterway; when contracts for the Western portion of the canal were completed in 1821, the clearing of the present day Village Main Street began through much of what at the time was forest; when the canal was completed and traffic was in full swing, packet boats from Medina and Gasport brought workers to Middleport's factories, mills, and business establishments; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the old towpath on the north side of the canal was leveled from Lockport to Rochester, and re-surfaced to make a recreational trail for hikers, joggers and bikers; in recent years the canal bank has been lined with nearly a half-mile of recreational boats, as boaters enjoy the free water and electric hookups on the canal bank, public bathrooms and shower facilities, playgrounds, police force, volunteer fire department, churches, and a variety of restaurants within

close walking distance; and

WHEREAS, An informational kiosk was recently placed on the north side of the canal at Margaret Droman Park, where a new grant from the New York State Canal Corporation will make a picnic pavilion, outdoor barbeques, bike racks and some additional landscaping; and

WHEREAS, The Village is also noted locally for its special festivities and parades celebrated on Memorial Day and Labor Day; the community hosts a variety of other special events including the annual Duck Derby, a fall art and craft show, and Christmas Tree lightings, which offer an excellent opportunity for the talented Middleport Community Choir to perform; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the successful future of its students, The Royalton-Hartland School District's Central Office, Middle School and High Schools are all located within the Village; Middleport has also been ranked 11th in the Nation in a special report, "Great Places to Raise Kids -- For Less," by BUSINESS WEEK MAGAZINE; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Middleport have a bright outlook for the future of their community, providing a good measure of all things a child needs to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those municipalities which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Village of Middleport continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Middleport, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of

the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Village of Middleport.