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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the bicentennial celebration of the historic Victor Village Cemetery on May 22, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those historic sites within the State of New York which serve as lasting reminders of our rich heritage and unique past; 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 celebration of the historic Victor Village Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this most auspicious occasion, the Town of Victor will host a bicentennial event on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the Victor Village Cemetery located behind the Methodist Church on Main Street in Victor, New York; and

WHEREAS, There is no known documented history of the Victor Village Cemetery, as many records were destroyed when the town hall burned in 1934; however, during this time in history, burials were often held in churchyards which were the common community burying ground; and

WHEREAS, The first permanent Methodist organization in Victor was established in 1807 consisting of a group of seven including, Nathan Loofborough (Loughborough); his wife, Sarah Morford; sister of Sarah, Theodosia Morford Stout; Reverend John Rose who became the second local preacher of the Victor Church; his wife Jennet; as well as David Gould and Hannah Berry; and

WHEREAS, The earliest known burials in the cemetery are Mary Reed, daughter of William and Polly Reed, who died May 3, 1810, and William Lacy Loofborough, son of Nathan and Sarah, who died January 4, 1810; and

WHEREAS, Many Loofborough family members rest at the Victor Village Cemetery, including Nathan, known as the "Father of Victor Methodism";

other early members of the Church who are buried there are Reverend John Rose, his wife and several children, Israel Blood and family members, Jeremiah Hawkins and his wife, and many members of the Boughton family; and

WHEREAS, The historic cemetery is also the resting place of several Revolutionary War patriots as well as veterans of the War of 1812, Mexican War and Civil War; they are recognized by bronze markers placed next to their headstones; and

WHEREAS, In addition, there are many people interred in this cemetery who were instrumental in the founding of Victor, New York, including Town Supervisors, Samuel Rawson, Eleazer Boughton, and Lanson Dewey; and

WHEREAS, The last known burial is that of Lillie M. Jacobs who died in 1949; she was the daughter of Ovid and Lydia Jacobs; and

WHEREAS, After many years of abandonment, the cemetery fell into disrepair; in June 2007, the Victor Village Restoration and Preservation Committee was established; under the leadership of the Historian's Office and the Parks and Recreation Department, the committee serves as overseers and protectors for Victor's "Pioneer Cemetery"; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Victor Village Cemetery stands as a picturesque reminder of a colorful place in time that has faded into history; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great Empire State and embody the principles upon which this Nation was founded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of the historic Victor Village Cemetery on May 22, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Victor Village Restoration and Preservation Committee.