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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Mid York Library System, June 24, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also 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; these institutions give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York and profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; 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 Mid York Library System; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a Mid York Day Anniversary Open House and Reception, to be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010, at the System's headquarters at 1600 Lincoln Avenue in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, A nonprofit cooperative library system, the Mid York Library System was provisionally chartered on June 24, 1960, by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York; its absolute charter was granted on September 25, 1965; the purpose for which the corporation was formed was to expand and improve library service in the counties of Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Mid York Library System accomplishes its purpose and mission by: lowering the cost of library service by centralizing tasks and activities common to member libraries; providing services and coor-

minating activities which allow libraries to cooperate and share their resources and materials easily and efficiently; providing expertise, services, and training that complement and extend the resources of the individual library; providing direct service to persons or groups who are unable to use traditional public library service; acting as a component of the global library network; and providing leadership and advocacy on a regional, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, The Mid York Library System's vision of the future is one of a friendly supportive place, characterized by consistently excellent, responsive customer service, housed in a modern, efficiently designed, and well-located facility; it seeks to be a leader in the provision of state of the art library service and a regionally recognized authority on library issues, housed in a busy facility with constant interaction between System and member library staff and known as a great place to work; and

WHEREAS, Currently, under the able leadership of its Acting Director, Wanda Bruchis, the Mid York Library System coordinates and provides services for 43 public libraries, two public library branches, two reading centers, five state correctional facilities, the Herkimer County jail, the Sherburne-Earlville School District, and several area nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Mid York Library System partners with the Central Library Resources Council, two BOCES offices, Syracuse University, Utica College, Oneida County Historical Society, Chambers of Commerce, the Oneida County Work Experience Program, Mohawk Valley Home Care, the Tri-County Outreach Council, the Mohawk Valley and Utica PC Users Groups and the Apple User Group; and

WHEREAS, Fifty years since its inception, every public library in Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer counties is a member of the Mid York Library System; and

WHEREAS. It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organ-

ization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it 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 Mid York Library System; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wanda Bruchis, Acting Director, the Mid York Library System, 1600 Lincoln Avenue, Utica, New York 13502.