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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Candor

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders proudly resonates with the rich and noble history of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the anniversary of the founding of municipalities throughout the State, noting in turn their contributions to the fabric and development of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Town of Candor, New York, recognizing the significance of this special anniversary and applauding its distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Candor, located in Tioga County, is a vital community rich in historical tradition and the spirit of pride of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Settled in 1794, the Town of Candor was established when, on February 11, 1811, the New York State Senate and Assembly acted to officially separate it from the Town of Spencer, decreeing that, effective the first Monday in March (March 4, 1811) the town was to be known "by the name of Candor" and calling for the new town's first town meeting to be held; and

WHEREAS, That first official Town of Candor meeting took place on Tuesday, March 5, 1811, at the home of Abel Hart, a house which still exists and is currently the home of Masonic Lodge 411 of the Free and Accepted Masons; and

WHEREAS, Today, Candor has a population of around 5,139 and of that, about 789 live in the Village of Candor, established in 1900; it is the third largest town in Tioga County, population-wise, and the largest land-wise; and

WHEREAS, Remaining proud of the richly diverse nationalities of its early immigrant settlers, the Town of Candor is equally justly proud of the ethnic and religious diversity of its current residents; and

WHEREAS, Historically, Candor has been a prosperous and creative community; early on Candor benefited from the railroads which made it easy for it to compete in the world market and, over the years, Candor has enjoyed many small to medium businesses and industries that have taken their place in history besides dairy farming, a major area industry even today; and

WHEREAS, At present, there are over 100 small to mid-size businesses with many employing anywhere from 3 to 40 local residents while others work in nearby Ithaca or Owego; and

WHEREAS, Candor's many other varied businesses and events, such as its four-day 4th of July Celebration, Fall Festival, A Rare Day In June, the annual National Wild Turkey Celebrity Hunt, Canducky Derby, the Catatonk Canoe Regatta, and the annual Breakfast with Santa in December, which draw people to the town; and

WHEREAS, Candor is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; it is well-known to be all about the people, people helping people, and people enjoying life; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Candor will proudly mark its 200th Anniversary beginning with a kick-off event on Saturday, March 5, 2011, the 200th Anniversary of its first Town Meeting, and continuing with a series of celebrations throughout its Bicentennial Year, especially during the months of July and October; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Candor retains its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, As the Town of Candor celebrates its 200th Anniversary, it honors its illustrious past, its proud heritage and its promising future; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Town of Candor's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited Town upon the occasion of its Bicentennial; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Town of Candor and to enthusiastically salute its residents as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the Town of Candor.