

## 2011-J585

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Comstock Family of the Homestead School upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge those special families of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Comstock Family of the Homestead School upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and

WHEREAS, Peter Comstock attended college at the University of Washington, where he studied French literature and met his bride, Marsha; Peter received a teaching certificate at the University of Puget Sound in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Over 30 years ago, Peter and Marsha Comstock were teaching in the state of Washington; around that time back on Peter's family homestead in Glen Spey, New York, his grandfather had passed and the land was vacant; and

WHEREAS, Peter and Marsha Comstock decided to give up their jobs and move back to Glen Spey to open their very own private Montessori School; the Homestead School was founded in 1978, on an 85-acre property that has been in the Comstock family since the 1860s; and

WHEREAS, In the year upon its founding, the school had 14 students and one assistant teacher; classrooms were held in different rooms in the farmhouse, as is the case today; and

WHEREAS, As the Homestead School was growing so was the Comstock family; Peter and Marsha's two children attended the school as well; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Comstocks educate over 200 children a year ranging in levels from preschool to sixth grade; they operate the school and live on the property; and

WHEREAS, Today, son, Jack Comstock and his wife, Neisha are also teachers at the school; and

WHEREAS, Having a significant amount of acreage, the school, a large outdoor educational component to the program, is set apart from suburban-setting Montessori schools; in addition to immaculate grounds, a large playground, a barn gymnasium and a small animal farm, the Homestead School has several hiking and birding trails; and

WHEREAS, The Comstock Family has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Homestead School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for their impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Comstock Family of the Homestead School upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Comstock Family.