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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the dedication of the Hurd & Briggs Saw Mill in Elma, New York, in honor of the vision of Edith Boller, May 28, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize events of significance which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; and

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 significant historic events throughout the State, noting their contributions to the fabric and progression of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the dedication of the Hurd & Briggs Saw Mill in Elma, New York, in honor of the vision of Edith Boller; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony held at the Elma Historical Society, 3011 Bowen Road in Elma, New York; and

WHEREAS, The site that would be later known as Elma Village was called "Big Flats," and was the home of the Seneca Indians; and

WHEREAS, In 1845, in this area of Western New York, Clark W. Hurd, Joseph B. Briggs, and Allen and Hiram Clark, dug a mill race from Buffalo Creek and constructed a dam to divert water for the purpose of building a saw mill that was in operation for many years; and

WHEREAS, On September 4, 1856, the Supervisors of Erie County voted to form a new town, called Elma; the new town was formed from parts of the towns of Lancaster and Aurora; and

WHEREAS, The Elma Historical Society has been active in the reconstruction of both the historic water wheel and the Hurd & Briggs Saw Mill; these reconstructions will serve for historic purposes and show people how energy was harnessed and used in the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, On July 24, 2008, a pattern was created for a water wheel on the floor of the Barn Museum, in Elma, New York, starting a two year historical project to recreate the Hurd & Briggs Saw Mill that stood over the mill race at the Elma Museum Complex in the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, With the efforts and craftsmanship of Fred Streif, Frank Maciejewski and the late Donald Moeller of the Elma Historical Society, and the vision of Edith Boller, the building of a replica of the mill on the original site has become a reality; and

WHEREAS, On May 28, 2011, the Hurd & Briggs Saw Mill in Elma, New York, was formally dedicated to the memory of Edith Boller in honor of her vision; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its rich history to the heritage of the State of New York, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to join in commemorating the dedication of the Hurd & Briggs Saw Mill in Elma, New York, in honor of the vision of Edith Boller, so that present and future generations may come to appreciate the unique significance which its history plays in the progression of our State and Nation's evolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the dedication of the Hurd & Briggs Saw Mill in Elma, New York, in honor of the vision of Edith Boller; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Elma Historical Society, 3011 Bowen Road, Elma, New York.