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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Trinity Episcopal Church of Seneca Falls, New York, to be celebrated on June 18, 2011

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Trinity Episcopal Church of Seneca Falls, New York, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The first cornerstone of Trinity Episcopal Church was laid on June 2, 1885; the first service was held on Easter Sunday, April 25, 1886; and

WHEREAS, Today, Trinity Episcopal Church is on the register of National Historic Sites of the United States and is the most photographed church in New York State; and

WHEREAS, American women's rights activist, Amelia Bloomer, and her husband, Dexter, were founding members of Trinity Episcopal Church; moreover, another women's right activist, Elizabeth Cady Stanton worshipped at the church; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Episcopal Church has a long history of being involved in its community; on a weekly basis the church holds a Sunday School program as well as collects food and clothing items for the House of Concern; every last Sunday of the month, Trinity hosts Neighbors Dinner Out, a program which provides a hot meal to those in need; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Trinity Episcopal Church is home to a weekly AA meeting on Friday evenings and hosts Seneca Singers, a community choir on Monday nights; Trinity has also partnered with Hoops Annual Bicycle Giveaway, a program which provides new bicycles for over 100 children in the community at Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Episcopal Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow,

prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Trinity Episcopal Church of Seneca Falls, New York, to be observed on June 18, 2011, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trinity Episcopal Church, Seneca Falls, New York.