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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of White Plains

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate significant events which represent turning points in our unique history and which are indelibly etched in the saga of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of White Plains; and

WHEREAS, The Battle of White Plains was a battle in the New York and New Jersey campaign of the American Revolutionary War fought on October 28, 1776, near White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, Following the retreat of George Washington's Continental Army northward from New York City, British General William Howe landed troops in Westchester County, intending to cut off Washington's escape route; and

WHEREAS, Alerted to this move, Washington retreated further, establishing a position in the village of White Plains but failing to establish firm control over local high ground; and

WHEREAS, Howe's troops drove Washington's troops from a hill near the village; following this loss, Washington ordered the Americans to retreat further north; and

WHEREAS, Later, British movements chased Washington across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania; Washington then crossed the Delaware and surprised a brigade of Hessian troops on December 26, in the Battle of Trenton; and

WHEREAS, Each year on or near the anniversary date, the White Plains Historical Society hosts a commemoration of the event at the Jacob Purdy House in White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, Two ships in the United States Navy were named for the Battle of White Plains; the CVE-66 was an escort carrier in World War II; the AFS-4 was a combat stores ship that was decommissioned in 1995; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when events of such historical importance are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of White Plains; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the White Plains Historical Society.