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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society to be celebrated April 21, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals and organizations who would faithfully dedicate themselves to the care and protection of animals; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society to be celebrated at a Gala on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, A non-profit animal shelter located in Menands, New York, the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society (MHHS) has been providing shelter, food, care and a lot of TLC, as well as medical attention, if needed, to cats and dogs in the Capital Region community for 125 years; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1887 as the Albany Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, it merged with the Albany Chapter of The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 1893 to become the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, MHHS built the region's first animal shelter; it grew to be the parent organization for animal and child protection agencies in 12 counties; and

WHEREAS, MHHS cared for children until 1957; that same year, this illustrious organization built New York State's second non-profit animal hospital; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of Executive Director Brad Shear, MHHS sponsors various community education and outreach programs throughout the year; its field services include rescue and care of injured or distressed animals, investigation of reports of animal abuse

and neglect, and enforcement of Agriculture and Markets laws; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its on-site and field personnel, MHHS is assisted by a team of volunteers who help to support and maintain the health of animals residing at the shelter and participate in various fundraising and community activities; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, these volunteers gave 25,116 hours of their time and energy to support MHHS's programs; they also collected and sorted over 900,000 bottles and cans, raising a significant amount for the Society; and

WHEREAS, The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society's animal care facility is the largest in the Capital Region, receiving an average of over 6,000 animals per year; and

WHEREAS, MHHS receives not just common household pets like cats, dogs, rabbits and hamsters, but also snakes, birds, iguanas, fish, horses, livestock, and even llamas; and

WHEREAS, The primary goal of MHHS is to improve the lives of homeless and abused animals through sheltering, adoption, education and advocacy, as well as the prevention of animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, MHHS was the first animal organization to respond to the Villages of Schoharie and Middleburgh after being devastated by Hurricane Irene; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments 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 125th Anniversary of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society to be celebrated April 21, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brad Shear, Executive Director, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.