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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the David A. Howe Public Library

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge certain exemplary institutions that improve the quality of life for communities within this great Empire State through increased access to educational and recreational resources; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the David A. Howe Public Library in Wellsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The library was chartered the Wellsville Public Library on June 5, 1894, with a charter from the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, The new building was funded through a bequest from the estate of Allegany County native and businessman David A. Howe; the Georgian Colonial style building was constructed beginning in 1935, and dedicated as the David A. Howe Public Library on May 13, 1937; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the David A. Howe Public Library is to provide books and other materials for the informational and recreational needs of all ages; to provide programs and services to encourage reading and research for students starting with the preschool level; and to afford a meeting place for cultural, social and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The David A. Howe Public Library is the largest public library in Allegany County; and library receives over 100,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, A center of cultural and social activity for the Wellsville community, the David A. Howe Public Library has hosted theatrical and musical performances, film festivals, political speeches and meetings; in addition, the facility has served as the venue for diverse community activities including World War II volunteer projects, clogging exhibitions, lectures, club meetings, antique appraisals, and more; and

WHEREAS, The David A. Howe Public Library offers more than 110,000

items for use by its patrons, including books, periodicals, videos, DVDs, audio recordings and electronic resources; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate milestones in the histories of certain exceptional public libraries in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the David A. Howe Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the David A. Howe Public Library.