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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Queensbury, New York to be celebrated May 20, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body 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 250th Anniversary of the Town of Queensbury, in Warren County, New York, to be celebrated at a Founder's Day event on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the Old Quaker Burying Ground in Queensbury; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Queensbury was once a part of the great northern wilderness; it was a favorite hunting and fishing site for the Iroquois during the summer and a route over which their war parties traveled on the way to Canada; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1755, during the French and Indian War, the Colonial Army marched through Queensbury from Albany, building a road as it marched; this Military Road was the first road, the link leading to the settlement of the Town of Queensbury; and

WHEREAS, Sometime between 1759 and 1762, Jeffrey Cowper became the first settler in Queensbury when he was given permission by British General Jeffrey Amherst to occupy the post used during the French and Indian War; and

WHEREAS, As the French and Indian War was drawing to a close, the English Lieutenant Governor James DeLancy of the Province of New York, issued a proclamation to encourage settlers to the area between Albany and Montreal if they would immediately settle and establish a Township; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Prindle from Connecticut applied for a patent of 23,000 acres, but one month later sold the patent to Abraham Wing and his group of 31 Quakers at the Oblong in Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, The Queensbury Patent, dated May 20, 1762, granted by King George III of England, was named in honor of his consort, Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburgh Strelitz; and

WHEREAS, The Quakers retreated to Dutchess County during the Revolutionary War; when the war ended in 1783, the Quakers returned and began rebuilding the community of Queensbury; and

WHEREAS, In 1832, the Feeder Canal was opened, providing transport for lumber, lime, and other products of the area; and

WHEREAS, A plank road was built between the village of Glens Falls and Lake George along the route of the old Military Road in 1848; this led to the stagecoach era, and Lake George and points north became resort areas; and

WHEREAS, Today, Queensbury is a vital modern community of almost 30,000 citizens; it is noted for its tourism trade; motels, restaurants, amusement parks, golf courses, and ski trails abound, serving thousands of tourists each year; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Queensbury continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Queensbury, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Queensbury, New York.