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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the General Clinton Canoe Regatta in 2012

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions and events; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body that institutions and events that give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the General Clinton Canoe Regatta in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Conceived by Charles Hinkley and a group of local businessmen in Bainbridge, New York, the General Clinton Canoe Regatta was founded in 1962; it is named in honor of General James Clinton of the 1779 Revolutionary War "Sullivan-Clinton Expedition" down the Susquehanna River; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating 50 years of endurance canoe racing in 2012, the General Clinton Canoe Regatta is the longest single day flat water canoe race in the world; the race features canoes of all kinds, from 90-pound recreational canoes to 20-pound lightweight graphite canoes; and

WHEREAS, A grueling 70 mile test of endurance, stamina, and canoeing skills, the General Clinton Canoe Regatta begins at the source of the Susquehanna River on Otsego Lake in Cooperstown, New York, and finishes at General Clinton Park in Bainbridge, New York; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 3,000 amateur, professional and Olympic hopeful

canoeists participate in the General Clinton Canoe Regatta over the course of the weekend; including canoeing's top marathon paddlers from North America and Europe, featuring world class athletes such as 28-time General Clinton Canoe Regatta winner, Canadian Serge Corbin, and Olympic Gold Medalist, Greg Barton; and

WHEREAS, The General Clinton Canoe Regatta weekend features over 50 races in one- or two-person classes for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of spectators at every accessible point on the river contribute encouragement, cheer, and assist the canoeists over the General Clinton Canoe Regatta's big 4-day Memorial Day weekend; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the General Clinton Canoe Regatta; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and events of such noble aims and accomplishments, and which serve to bring people together for such glorious purposes, are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the General Clinton Canoe Regatta; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bainbridge, New York, Chamber of Commerce.