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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Bell Memorial 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 100th Anniversary of the Bell Memorial Library in Nunda, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Bell Memorial Library was created as a gift from Katherine Bell Lewis in memory of family members including her father, Alfred Bell, an early Nunda industrialist and New York State Assemblyman for Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Bell Lewis transferred the Bell Memorial Library, along with 300 books and other furnishings, to the Nunda Library Association on April 6, 1912; and

WHEREAS, The library was built to hold 6,000 books; more shelves have been added over the years to expand the collection; and

WHEREAS, A busy center of cultural and social activity for the Nunda community, the Bell Memorial Library provides many adult and children's programs; it serves as a vital source of free internet access for the community; the library has over 2,300 registered borrowers and receives over 14,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, The Bell Memorial Library offers more than 15,000 items for use by its patrons, including books, periodicals, videos, audio recordings and electronic resources; and

WHEREAS, The library continues to look for ways to better serve the Nunda community through its diverse collection and facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent 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 100th Anniversary of the Bell Memorial Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bell Memorial Library.