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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 63rd Annual Cornwall Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2012, and honoring Harry Houlis upon his designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade

WHEREAS, Our proud tradition of celebrating the birth of our Nation on July 4, 1776, is not only a tribute to our rich history, but a reflection of our living commitment to the exercise of freedom, a legacy which rings through the ages and touches every citizen throughout the land of liberty; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 63rd Annual Cornwall Independence Day Parade on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, and to honor Harry Houlis upon his designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade; and

WHEREAS, Harry Houlis started with the Cornwall Independence Day Committee in 1984; during his tenure with the committee he has served in many important roles including committee chairman; today, he is responsible for the fireworks display and its accompanying music; and

WHEREAS, A proud veteran, Harry Houlis served his country for nearly 30 years in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, For over six decades, the citizens of Cornwall, New York, have gathered together to celebrate the birth of our Nation on July 4th; what began as a small patriotic celebration at Donahue's Farm, sponsored by the Donahue and Dorfman families, has, over the years, evolved into an event which involves the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The treasured values of family unity and wholesome entertainment for all ages that are reflected in the events scheduled to celebrate such an auspicious occasion help to foster community spirit and cooperation and preserve the beliefs, ideals and values for which our forefathers declared the independence of these United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to most joyously commemorate the 63rd Annual Cornwall Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2012, and to honor Harry Houlis upon his designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Cornwall Independence Day Committee, and Grand Marshal Harry Houlis.