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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Department President Sally Johnston upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the American Legion, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded by members of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) who convened at Paris, France, on March 15-19, 1919; the following May, soldiers, sailors and marines representing every state met in St. Louis to ratify the action of the AEF, already endorsed by the highest military authorities, and launch the American Legion as a national organization of American veterans; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Department President Sally Johnston upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on Sunday, March 10, 2013, in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, One of the fundamental aims of the American Legion was to create a fraternity based upon firm comradeship, born of war service, and dedicated to equitable treatment for all veterans, particularly the suffering and disabled, their widows and children; and

WHEREAS, Sally Johnston is a 25-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary; her Legion entitlement is through her step-father Arthur (Niles) Jones who served during World War II and was a lifetime member of the Taconic Valley Post 937 in Berlin, New York; she joined the Unit after his passing and vowed to devote her time and efforts to the American Legion Auxiliary and its programs serving veterans; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Sally Johnston transferred to the 4th District, Franklin County joining John E. Harrica Unit 875, in Chateaugay where her husband Richard Johnston is a lifetime member; she was very active in both Units, serving as Unit and County Presidents along with chairing all major committees; and

WHEREAS, While serving as 3rd District President from 2000-2001, Sally

Johnston earned National recognition when she was awarded the Department National Historian award; as 4th District President from 2006-2007, she chaired the Poppy committee; in addition, she served as 4th District Secretary for two years, 2003-2005, and is currently serving as the 4th District Finance Officer for the third term; and

WHEREAS, Receiving many national awards and serving in several districts, Sally Johnston is a certified leadership instructor and has participated as a presenter at the district level; other community service positions she held, include: President of Berlin Central High School Alumni Association; Secretary of the Cherry Plain Community Church; Board of Trustees for the Dick Ladd Square Dancing Association; and as Secretary of the Sandy Knoll Union Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, A 1971 graduate of Berlin Central High School and the Independent School of Sales Training in Bennington, Vermont, Sally Johnston has vast experience in sales and business, she is currently employed by Allstate in the Patrick Kowalczyk Agency in Malone, New York; and

WHEREAS, Department President Sally Johnston has helped to make the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York Family an organization recognized with pride and respect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Department President Sally Johnston upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Department President Sally Johnston, American Legion Auxiliary.