

## 2015-J332

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Historic Cherry Hill

WHEREAS, 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

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 Historic Cherry Hill, which was celebrated on Sunday, October 5, 2014, at the Albany Visitors Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cherry Hill, a 1787 wood-framed, Georgian-style farmhouse, was home to the Van Rensselaer-Rankin family from 1787-1963; and

WHEREAS, On October 6, 1964, Cherry Hill was established as a museum; the owner, Emily Rankin, left the estate to the people of New York and seven years later, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Historic Cherry Hill's family heirlooms span five generations, consisting of more than three centuries; 20,000 objects, 30,000 manuscripts, 7,500 textiles, 5,000 books, and 3,000 photographs are on display; visitors to the museum can see rare and fine pieces of furniture, decorative arts, and household objects, such as toothbrushes and pet cages; the collection's intact nature and well-documented provenance make them a remarkable document of American social history; and

WHEREAS, Historic Cherry Hill strives to interpret and provide access to one of Albany's rich, historical resources through its educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Historic Cherry Hill's vision is to be transformed from a local house museum into a center for the study and interpretation of

America's social, political, and economic history; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that New York State's invaluable cultural, educational, and recreational institutions should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Historic Cherry Hill; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Historic Cherry Hill.