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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Massena Salvation Army

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; 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 Massena Salvation Army, which was celebrated on October 18 and 19, 2014, which included the dedication of their new building; and

WHEREAS, The founder of the Salvation Army was a Methodist minister named William Booth; in 1865, he began preaching to the poor in London's east-end; in 1878, the organization's name became "The Salvation Army"; and

WHEREAS, In October 1879, the Salvation Army established its ministry in the United States in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-five years after the Salvation Army was established in the United States, the Massena Mission was founded in 1964; the officer in charge was Captain Norman Rock, assisted by his wife and later Major, Elsie, with the help of Advisory Board Chair Arthur Westcott, and Vice Chair Sherman Horsely, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, The evolution of the Salvation Army's first 50 years in Massena is a success story of people helping people; it was their faith, determination and dedication that paved the way for The Salvation Army as it is known today; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Massena Salvation Army has contin-

ually worked to expand its services and programs under the faithful leadership of Captains Russell and Cynthia Crowsen; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Massena Salvation Army offers services based on the needs of the community including a soup kitchen and food pantry, as well as several programs to help senior citizens, the sick and home-bound, youths, teens, men, young adults and women; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded 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 Massena Salvation Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Massena Salvation Army.