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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the passage of President Lincoln's Funeral Train through the Hudson Valley to Albany, New York, in 1865

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate those events of historical significance which add strength, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the passage of President Lincoln's Funeral Train through the Hudson Valley to Albany, New York, in 1865, to be feted with events, such as a film screening, lectures and exhibits, in both Stuyvesant and Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, The 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was shot by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.; he succumbed to his injuries and died the following morning; and

WHEREAS, A funeral train carrying President Lincoln's body, made the somber journey to his hometown of Springfield, Illinois; the train traveled from Washington, D.C. through Baltimore, Maryland, up to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and eventually came through the Hudson Valley on its way up to Albany; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln's last train ride gave the people of this great Nation the opportunity to mourn and reflect on the life and leadership of this extraordinary man; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln's Funeral Train stopped in Hudson, New York, at about 9:30 p.m. for a few minutes on April 25, 1865, and then made its way up to Stuyvesant; and

WHEREAS, Festivities memorializing this momentous occasion will begin

with a lecture portraying President Abraham Lincoln as a complex historical figure; and

WHEREAS, In addition, numerous events will take place April 24-26, 2015, including an exhibit entitled "Lincoln's Long Journey Home", hosted by the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; re-enactors will portray Mary Todd Lincoln, abolitionist Solomon Northup, and a Civil War Surgeon, and readings will be recited from both the diary of Elizabeth Miller, a woman who personally mourned the death of President Abraham Lincoln in Albany in 1865, and from a collection of Walt Whitman's Civil War poetry; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations and individuals which seek to bring recognition to historical events within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for President Abraham Lincoln, and for the members of both the Stuyvesant and Hudson Train Committee who have worked to bring proper attention to an event and time which merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the passage of President Lincoln's Funeral Train through the Hudson Valley to Albany, New York, in 1865; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chairs of the Stuyvesant Train Committee, Songayllo and Richard Anderson and Chair of the Hudson Train Committee, Gene Shetsky.