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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, to be observed on April 9, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate significant events which represent turning points in our unique history and which are indelibly etched in the saga of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such duty, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, to be observed on Thursday, April 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event signifies the end of the United States Civil War, and acknowledges certain extraordinary individuals of remarkable courage and strength of character who risked their own lives for others, and stood with fortitude for freedom and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Although New York sent many of its citizens into harm's way to defend the Union cause, the bravery, and the willingness of all Americans to sacrifice their lives during the United States Civil War for the well-being of future generations, is deserving of the highest honor by all defenders of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, In the course of history, certain events have exemplified the power of the human spirit to overcome oppression; today we must remember such events, and pay tribute to the people involved who fought for the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, New York State, its people, and its Legislature have a proud tradition of being in the forefront of addressing issues of importance to our great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, to be observed on April 9, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Mannigan, of Lowville, New York, as a member of the "Bells Across the Land: A Nation Remembers Appomattox"-Steamtown National Historic Site (U.S. National Park Service).