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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the New York State Recreation and Park Society upon the occasion of hosting its 75th Annual Diamond Jubilee Conference and Expo April 26-28, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 who would devote themselves 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 commend the New York State Recreation and Park Society upon the occasion of hosting its 75th Annual Diamond Jubilee Conference and Expo April 26-28, 2015, at the Saratoga Hilton and Conference Center in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1940 and incorporated in 1960, the New York State Recreation and Park Society (NYSRPS) is the principal organization promoting quality recreation and park opportunities for all citizens of New York State through education, training, technical assistance, and other support to local, county, state, and federal recreation and park providers; and

WHEREAS, The NYSRPS's members include recreation and park professionals working for federal, state, and local agencies; therapeutic recreation specialists and activity coordinators working in health care facilities; local recreation and park advisory board members serving local communities; faculty and students at colleges and universities; recreation directors at commercial and resort facilities, and suppliers of recreation and park products; and

WHEREAS, This worthy organization's mission is to advance the value of

parks, recreation, and leisure services though professional development of its members and citizen engagement; and

WHEREAS, The core services offered by NYSRPS include: Professional Development, promoting educational, professional certification, and networking opportunities, best practices, and resources; Membership Development and Services, providing quality services and benefits which attract, engage, and retain members, and are responsive to their needs; Public Policy Development, raising awareness and supporting the advancement of parks, recreation, and leisure services by advocating for local, state, and national policy issues and interests; and Resource Development, maintaining and developing resources which support and sustain society; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by the availability of exceptional recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the seasons, NYSRPS is an organization much appreciated by the residents of New York State and visitors who seek the historical, cultural, and recreational resources of the area; it is a source of pride and community heritage to all the people of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the New York State Recreation and Park Society upon the occasion of hosting its 75th Annual Diamond Jubilee Conference and Expo April 26-28, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Recreation and Park Society.