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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Welch Allyn

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Welch Allyn; and

WHEREAS, One of the medical industry's most pioneering firms, Welch Allyn of Skaneateles, New York, is a global leader in providing medical diagnostic tools which help healthcare providers overcome complex challenges and ensure better care for their patients; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable company was founded in 1915 by Dr. Francis Welch and William Noah Allyn, two visionaries who together developed the first hand-held, direct illuminating ophthalmoscope; and

WHEREAS, William G. Allyn, the son of William Noah Allyn, guided Welch Allyn through the next five decades of technical advances, sales growth, and industry recognition, using his outstanding business acumen and personal skills while establishing a genuine and enduring company culture; and

WHEREAS, Since this time, Welch Allyn has continually applied practical innovations and expanded into such areas as patient monitoring systems, and miniature precision lamps in an effort to help doctors and nurses improve patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Currently, this fourth generation family-owned business is a leading global manufacturer of medical diagnostic equipment with over 2,750 employees working in 26 different countries; and

WHEREAS, Welch Allyn remains focused both on providing outstanding service and products to its customers, as well as on developing tools and technologies to best serve the needs of the healthcare industry in the future; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Welch Allyn, and to wish this exceptional company all the best during the next 100 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Welch Allyn.