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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of St. George's Episcopal Church of Chadwicks, New York on April 19, 2015

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of St. George's Episcopal Church of Chadwicks, New York; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion was celebrated with a Worship Service on Sunday, April 19, 2015; Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Reverend Gladstone Adams, III was present to celebrate the Holy Eucharist; and

WHEREAS, In 1867, rectors from St. Stephen's, New Hartford held cottage lectures and services in the school at Chadwicks Mills; by 1874, services were held once every four weeks at Chadwicks and the congregation numbered between 60 and 75 people; and

WHEREAS, In 1889, a chapel, located on Main Street was erected in memory of George W. Chadwick, through a generous gift given to the village by his widow and the Chadwick family; for the laying of the cornerstone, the mills were shut down to give employees an opportunity to attend the ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, The Consecration of the memorial chapel of St. George's Episcopal Church took place on April 21, 1890, with many clergy and a large assembly of people present; services were held at Chadwicks Mills from various area churches until 1912, when the Reverend Curtis H. Whedon

became rector of St. George's; and

WHEREAS, St. George's Episcopal Church later became a mission and, in 1972, attained its present status as a parish; this vital congregation continues to serve its members and community through regular worship services, a variety of parish and community activities and as part of the Diocese of Central New York, the Utica-Rome District and its shared ministries with parishes in Clark Mills and Utica; and

WHEREAS, At present, St. George's Episcopal Church stands humbly, prayerfully, meditatively and joyfully; and

WHEREAS, St. George's Episcopal Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of St. George's Episcopal Church of Chadwicks, New York on April 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Terry Sheldon, St. George's Episcopal Church, Chadwicks, New York.