

## 2015-K777

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Adirondack Forty-Sixers, Inc. upon the occasion of officially renaming an Eastern Adirondack high peak "Grace Peak" in memory of naturalist Grace Leach Hudowalski

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of this great State and Nation is greatly enriched by the purposeful endeavors of individuals and organizations committed to the preservation of our environment, and to the enhancement of appreciation for the distinctive features of our natural surroundings; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Adirondack Forty-Sixers, Inc. upon the occasion of officially re-naming an Eastern Adirondack High Peak "Grace Peak" in memory of Grace Leach Hudowalski to be feted at a dedication celebration honoring her legacy on Saturday, June 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On June 12, 2014, the United States Board on Geographic Names approved the petition of the Adirondack Forty-Sixers, Inc., under the able leadership of President Sally Hoy, to rename the peak, marking the culmination of a 12-year effort to bring the entire Adirondack community together to recognize one of New York State's great and selfless wilderness advocates, Grace Leach Hudowalski; and

WHEREAS, Grace Leach Hudowalski became the second woman, and one of only a few of North Country natives upon whom this high honor has been bestowed by the people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, A North Country native, Grace Leach Hudowalski served this great Empire State with distinction for more than 12 years throughout the 1950s, as a Travel Supervisor for the former New York State Commerce Department; and

WHEREAS, A life-long adventurer, and the first woman to ascend all 46

of the Adirondack High Peaks, Grace Leach Hudowalski dedicated both her professional and personal life to promoting New York State history, tourism, economic development and wilderness adventure within her beloved Adirondack Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Grace Leach Hudowalski's enthusiasm for New York State and the Adirondack Mountains was contagious; this remarkable woman worked tirelessly throughout her life to build positive and collaborative relationships within and between the numerous communities which shared her love for the Adirondack wilderness and culture; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 20, 2015, members of the Forty-Sixers, residents of the towns of both Schroon and North Hudson, and various organizations and special interest groups, as well as wilderness lovers from around the State who supported the petition, will gather to celebrate Grace Leach Hudowalski's life and legacy and to continue to build upon the relationships forged through the effort to secure this lofty honor for a worthy North Country Coalition builder; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon every citizen to recognize that we are all stewards of our environment and to applaud the efforts of individuals such as Grace Leach Hudowalski who work tirelessly to protect the environment and natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Grace Leach Hudowalski displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Adirondack Forty-Sixers, Inc. upon the occasion of officially renaming an Eastern Adirondack High Peak "Grace Peak" in memory of naturalist Grace Leach Hudowalski; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sally Hoy, President, Adirondack Forty-Sixers, Inc., and the family of Grace Leach Hudowalski.