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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on October 11, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding organizations within our communities that, year after year, diligently work to preserve the history of New York State and the United States, encourage patriotism, and promote the advancement of education; 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 the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be celebrated on Sunday, October 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1890, the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through the education of all children; and

WHEREAS, One of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country, NSDAR boasts 177,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally; any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership; and

WHEREAS, The NSDAR National Headquarters, located in Washington D.C., houses one of the nation's premier genealogical libraries and collections of pre-industrial American decorative arts, as well as an extensive collection of early American manuscripts and imprints; it is also home to Washington's largest concert hall; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, NSDAR members volunteer millions of service hours annually to such worthy causes as supporting active duty military personnel, assisting veteran patients, awarding scholarships and financial aid to students, and supporting schools for underserved children; and

WHEREAS, The majority of NSDAR's volunteer work is accomplished through the grassroots efforts of local chapters throughout the country; these local chapters constantly strive to locate and restore Revolutionary War gravesites and headstones; place monuments around the world to honor people and events in American history, and organize and contribute to major repairs, commemorations and memorials; and

WHEREAS, Under the illustrious guidance of President General Lynn F. Young, the NSDAR, remaining true to its mission, continues its vital work of promoting patriotism, supporting veterans causes, preserving history, and assisting those descendants of Revolutionary War soldiers in becoming members of the organization; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on October 11, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President General Lynn F. Young, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington D.C.