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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Josephine-Louise Public Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Josephine-Louise Public Library; and

WHEREAS, The Josephine-Louise Public Library of Walden, New York, was founded as a circulating library club in 1896 by a group of local residents which included Walden's resident manufacturer and U.S. Congressman, Colonel Thomas W. Bradley; and

WHEREAS, Officially chartered in 1900 by the New York State Department of Regents, and incorporated in 1910, the Josephine-Louise Public Library was named after its benefactor, Colonel Bradley's wife, Josephine, and daughter, Louise; and

WHEREAS, In 1916, the Josephine-Louise Public Library moved to its permanent home at 5 Scofield Street; an expansion project added a second floor and children's area to the library which was completed in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Josephine-Louise Public Library continues to provide valuable services to residents of the Village of Walden and the surrounding areas; it proudly circulates more than 84,219 items per year, and conducts more than 40,486 reference transactions; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Josephine-Louise Public Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have

supported the development of the library over the years; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the Josephine-Louise Public Library's superbly skilled staff, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the library and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Josephine-Louise Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the diverse educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when public institutions 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 100th Anniversary of the Josephine-Louise Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Josephine-Louise Public Library.