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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the City of Sherrill on April 7, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the cities, towns and villages which comprise the noble body of this great 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 the City of Sherrill on Thursday, April 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The region known today as Sherrill, New York, has long been a manufacturing area; the first settlers came in 1816 and lived in the northern area which was then known as Turkey Street; they engaged in various manufacturing projects through the succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, In 1848, approximately 200 members of a society known as the Oneida Community, led by John Humphrey Noyes, settled at Kenwood, south of the hamlet; the community grew until 1880 when this experiment in communal living was ended and a joint stock company was founded, taking over all assets of the community; and

WHEREAS, The population increased gradually and was greatly expanded by the purchase of a silverware manufacturing company brought to the area from Niagara Falls in 1912; farm lands were broken into building lots and the present city began to take form; and

WHEREAS, The name Sherrill was chosen for the first Post Office by James Sherman, representative of the 33rd Congressional District; he chose the name, Sherrill, after his son Sherrill Sherman; and

WHEREAS, Local citizens were interested in having a city charter as they believed city government would be more beneficial and effective than a village or town government; on April 7, 1916, Sherrill was grant-

ed a city charter by a special act of the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sherrill includes the former hamlet of Sherrill and the area of Kenwood which lies in Oneida County; the charter established a City Manager form of government which provides for the election of a Commission; the Commissioners then appoint a Commissioner to be Mayor, and the Commissioners appoint the City Manager as the Chief Executive of the City; and

WHEREAS, Through its long and sustained commitment to the ideals and principles upon which this beloved Nation was first founded, the City of Sherrill, New York, has so unselfishly advanced that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the unalterable manifestation of our American experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Sherrill on April 7, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the City of Sherrill.