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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Baird's Tavern

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those prominent businesses of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Baird's Tavern; this auspicious milestone was celebrated with the Historical Society of the Town of Warwick's Annual Tavern Night on Saturday, March 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, From the time that George Washington marched up King's Highway from Philadelphia to Newburgh, Warwick, New York has always been a welcoming destination point for travelers in need of food, drink and a warm bed for the night; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1906, the Warwick Historical Society's mission has been to preserve and celebrate the vibrant history of the Town of Warwick and its people, and engage its communities through a variety of programs aimed at developing an understanding and appreciation of its unique historic heritage; and

WHEREAS, Located at 105 Main Street, Baird's Tavern is among the most legendary buildings in Warwick's history; and

WHEREAS, In 1766, Francis Baird built his limestone tavern as an inn to house travelers that, along with a store, served a vital role in community life; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, then Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, recorded his 1783 tavern visit in his diary; his wife, Martha, also stayed at Baird's Tavern on her way to see Washington in his

Newburgh headquarters in 1786; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the distinguished record of Baird's Tavern merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Baird's Tavern; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Baird's Tavern, Warwick, New York.