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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Ripley

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize events of significance which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; each city, town, village and hamlet within the borders of our great Empire State proudly resonates with the rich and noble history; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the anniversaries of the founding of municipalities throughout the State, noting in turn their contributions to the fabric and progression 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 Bicentennial of the Town of Ripley; and

WHEREAS, Ripley's first settler to purchase land was Alexander Cochran, who emigrated from Ireland in 1802, and made his land purchase official two years later; and

WHEREAS, In 1816, the largest concentration of population in the area was established as a Town and named Quincy; in 1873, it became known as Ripley, named for General Eleazer Wheelock Ripley, who was active in the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, Ripley grew slowly until the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, making the area more open and accessible; in 1852, the first railroad line, called the Buffalo & State Line, was placed through Ripley and with the addition of the Nickel Plate Road, both of these lines are now known as CSX; and

WHEREAS, Ripley fostered a weekly newspaper, the RIPLEY REVIEW, for many years, starting in 1882 and ending in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Today, grapes are the largest and most vital enterprise in Ripley, with dairy cattle and other crops being second in the southern part of the Township; the first vineyards were established in the mid-1800s, and grapes today are sold to several regional grape producers including the National Grape Co-op for use in fruit juices, jams, jellies and wines; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of municipalities that make up the rich history of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Town of Ripley; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Ripley.