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Assembly Resolution No. 185

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COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Civil
Air Patrol

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing and honoring those organizations selflessly dedicated to protecting our country and improving the health and well-being of communities throughout the State and our nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was founded on December 1, 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to supplement the United States Military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, CAP was founded by citizens committed to helping bolster the nation's defense in our time of need by using civilian aviation resources; CAP pilots flew more than 500,000 aviation hours performing a wide variety of duties including coastal patrol for submarine activity or ships and personnel in distress, as well as forest and southern border patrol; and

WHEREAS, On May 26, 1948, Congress passed a law designating CAP as the Air Force Auxiliary with three primary missions - emergency

missions, cadet programs, and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, CAP has set itself apart through its emergency mission work, such as assisting rescuers and state agencies following the September 11th terrorist attacks, supporting hurricane relief efforts in 2005, 2008 and 2012, responding to the Gulf Coast oil spill in 2010, as well as aiding communities during other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, CAP provides exceptional educational opportunities for youth through its Cadet Program, nearly 24,000 members strong, providing access to top national summer flight academies to learn to fly powered or glider aircraft, and more than 30 national programs encouraging leadership and careers in aviation; and

WHEREAS, CAP's Aerospace Education Program annually works with more than 1,800 educators and over 150,000 youths (cadets and other students in classrooms across America) to teach aviation concepts emphasizing aviation's connection to history, math, science, government and economics; 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 75th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Civil Air Patrol.