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Senate Resolution No. 1405

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COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the YWCA of  
Binghamton and Broome County

WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in developing the skills necessary to be successful, productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County; and

WHEREAS, The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) is one of the oldest and largest women's organization in the nation, serving more than two million women, girls and their families; since its inception in 1892, the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County has been serving the community for 125 years; and

WHEREAS, Staying true to its mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, dignity and freedom for all, the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County is part of a national and international movement working to advance the quality of life for women and their families; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA began as a safe place for young women who came to Binghamton, New York, to get jobs in the factories which were flourishing at the time; since there was no housing available for them, the YWCA was formed by the citizens to aid the new workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, Today, the YWCA offers supportive housing for homeless women and their children, operates a New York State licensed early childhood education center, provides access to education and screening for breast and cervical cancer and gives free business professional clothing to men and women entering the workforce; 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 citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County.