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Senate Resolution No. 511

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Snow Ridge Ski Resort in Turin, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by the availability of exceptional recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Snow Ridge Ski Resort in Turin, New York, upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary which was celebrated on Saturday, March 13, 2021, with a variety of family friendly, COVID-safe activities; and

WHEREAS, Owned and managed by Cyndy Sisto and Nick Mir, Snow Ridge Ski Resort is a small ski area located at 4173 West Road in Turin, New York, in the nearby Tug Hill region on the eastern end of Lake Ontario; the ski area's loyal fans come for the inexpensive tickets, night skiing, and the exceptional kids' programs; they stay for the fluffy, powdery, abundant snow; and

WHEREAS, The Williams brothers, Perry and Lawton, and their wives, Ruth and Emily, founded Snow Ridge Ski Resort in 1945; when it first opened, there were two rope tows, a small chalet with a cafeteria, a

first aid room and ski shop; as the years progressed the Williams families hired European ski instructors, built a chalet with a capacity for more than 400 people, cut more ski trails, and built an additional chalet; and

WHEREAS, The resort's popularity grew quickly, its seven ski tows drew crowds of over 2,000 people on weekends, and in 1957, 3,000 skiers enjoyed the New Year's weekend festivities at Snow Ridge; by 1958, Snow Ridge had become the largest privately-owned area in New York State, and a couple of years later, its snow school was the largest in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Snow Ridge Ski Resort also installed the first ski chapel and Poma lift in the United States and implemented many important safety protocols which were adopted nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its storied history, Snow Ridge Ski Resort has only changed hands a few times, and is currently owned by Nick Mir and his mother Cyndy Sisto who purchased it in 2015; and

WHEREAS, During the last six years, Nick Mir and Cyndy Sisto have made numerous renovations and upgrades such as a magic carpet lift to the learning center, a snow tubing park, and Tavern230 patio with an outdoor fire pit; and

WHEREAS, Future plans include a mountain bike park, expansion of the campgrounds, and improvements to the Little Mountain area; and

WHEREAS, Many notable events have occurred at Snow Ridge over the years; the Korean Olympic ski team trained there for the 1980 Olympics, the Oneida Silversmith collegiate race was held every year beginning in 1955, the soldiers of Fort Drum's 10th Mountain division and several

notable skiers trained there, and for a time, the Special Olympics were held there; and

WHEREAS, The success of Snow Ridge Ski Resort over the years is in direct correlation to the efforts of its ownership and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of the Snow Ridge Ski Resort and recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Snow Ridge Ski Resort in Turin, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cyndy Sisto and Nick Mir, co-owners, Snow Ridge Ski Resort.