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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Glens Falls Country Club, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those special places within the Empire State which provide recreational opportunity for residents and which have become a part of the history of our 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 100th Anniversary of the Glens Falls Country Club, Inc., to be celebrated on Friday, March 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, In 1911, a group of Glens Falls businessmen met to discuss the opportunity of establishing a country club that included a golf course; a committee was formed, and on March 16, 1912, the Glens Falls Country Club was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Glens Falls Country Club's first Board of Governors in 1912 were: George R. Raley, President; Louis F. Hyde, 1st Vice President; George H. Parks, 2nd Vice President; Howard J. Bush, Secretary; James M. Reay, Treasurer; Edward M. Angell; Frederick G. Fielding, M.D.; M.N.T. Coolidge Fowler; Clarence H. Holmes; Aruther Eugene Mason; Charles V. Peters; Frederick F. Pruyn; John E. Sawyer; and Elmer J. West; and

WHEREAS, Famous golf course architect, Donald Ross, was brought to Glens Falls by Louis Hyde to survey potential sites for the golf course; after surveying several sites Donald Ross recommended the Round Pond site; and

WHEREAS, Two years later the nine-hole course opened for play in April, 1914; Donald Ross was asked to return in 1921 to redesign the current course so that it could be expanded to 18 holes; the current 18-hole course configuration opened in 1924; and

WHEREAS, Between 1929 and 1939 the club was the site of the Glens Falls Open; many of the day's famous touring pros came to compete including Gene Sarazen, Sam Snead, Ben Hogan and Walter Hagen; and

WHEREAS, During World War II and the Korean Conflict, the Board of

Governors passed a resolution to allow members who entered the United States Armed Forces to retain their membership status, free of charge until their return to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, The course has also been the site of the men's and women's New York State amateur championships, the United States Senior Championship in 1992 and has hosted a dinner for the 1980 USA and Soviet wrestling teams when they visited Glens Falls for a competition; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, hundreds of dedicated members of the community and the club devoted their time and talents to meet the objectives set forth by the Board of Directors of 1912; and

WHEREAS, Today's Board of Governors continues the social and recreational programs of the club, with an emphasis on youth, for swimming, tennis and golf; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of golf Pro Tom Haggerty, since 1973, high school teams practice and play the golf course as part of the club's community involvement; and

WHEREAS, The current members of the Board of Governors are: Christopher Della Bella, President; Gregory Goetz, President Elect; Kevin J. Herlihy, M.D., Past President; Claudia Higgins, Secretary; Richard Fuller, Treasurer; Michael Clarke; Mark DelSignore; Kristine Hatch; George Folley; Al Gilet; Jeffery Kilburn; Nicole Ryan; and Paul Sheehan; and

WHEREAS, The Glens Falls Country Club has prevailed over the economic hardships of the fire of 1923, our Nation's wars, prohibition, The Great Depression, recessions, droughts, and storms; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those places and institutions within the State of New York whose historic significance has contributed to the culture and traditions of our citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Glens Falls Country Club, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Glens Falls Country Club, Inc.