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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the New York State Historical Association upon the occasion of hosting its New York State History Day competition

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 which 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the New York State Historical Association upon the occasion of hosting its New York State History Day competition on Monday, April 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Historical Association is proud to be the state sponsor of National History Day, a yearlong educational program that encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history; after selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research by using libraries, archives, museums, and oral history interviews; they analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topics' significance in history, and create final projects that present their work; and

WHEREAS, These special projects, which include historical papers, documentaries, performances, tabletop exhibits, and websites, can be entered into a series of competitions, from the local to the national level, where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators; and

WHEREAS, On the day of the competition, over 450 students from across New York State will come to Cooperstown to take part in New York State History Day; in order to participate in this event, students achieved top scores at earlier school and regional contests; winners from the state contest will be eligible to represent New York at the National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland, on June 9 -13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, These students will go home with a better appreciation of their heritage and essential critical thinking and research skills that will help them succeed in college and in life; 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 commend the New York State Historical Association upon the occasion of hosting its New York State History Day competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Loveland, New York State History Day Competition Manager.