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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Village of Manlius, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize the distinguished histories of communities across this great Empire State, and to celebrate the people and places that make these communities strong; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Village of Manlius, in Onondaga County, New York, to be celebrated with a public Bicentennial Ball on April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, For the past 200 years, the Village of Manlius has proudly stood as a close-knit, safe and vibrant community in the Eastern suburbs of Onondaga County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Manlius, which was settled by a German immigrant, John A. Shaeffer, was granted powers of self-government by the New York State Legislature on March 12, 1813; Manlius became the first village in Onondaga County; and

WHEREAS, Before the construction of the Erie Canal, the Village of Manlius served as one of the most prominent business points in Onondaga County, since goods were transported through Manlius along Cherry Valley Turnpike and Seneca Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, Even after the Erie Canal and other villages were created in the County, the Village of Manlius remained a strong center of trade for surrounding farmlands; and

WHEREAS, In 1834, the Manlius Academy was founded and served as a private institution for boys and girls until it evolved into the Manlius Military School, which sent male officers into two world wars; the Manlius Military School eventually closed in 1974, and the property was turned into residential housing; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, the Village of Manlius became one of the fastest growing communities in New York State; its public water supply was extended and developers provided a private sewage treatment system,

which later became publicly operated; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Village of Manlius is rich in, but not limited to, many modern advancements, distinguished industries, notable individuals, prominent landmarks, and popular parks such as Mill Run Park, the Village's largest park, and Swan Pond; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, 46 buildings in the Village of Manlius joined the National Register of Historic Places as Onondaga County's first Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment, the Village of Manlius has grown to nearly 5,000 residents, and these residents are provided with various municipal services, including fire protection and emergency medical services by the Manlius Fire Department, police protection by the Town of Manlius, and public education by the Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Manlius has continued its steadfast commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all of its residents, ensuring a safe, peaceful and educational climate for individuals and families to thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Village of Manlius to be celebrated with a Bicentennial Ball on April 27, 2013, in order to recognize the significant role a village plays in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Whorrall, Mayor, Village of Manlius.