

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Rensselaer County Historical Society upon the occasion of receiving an Award of Merit from Museumwise: The Museum Association of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of those organizations that seek to illuminate historical time periods, places and events within the State of New York and, in so doing, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved, to be shared with present and future generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in keeping with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend the Rensselaer County Historical Society upon the occasion of receiving an Award of Merit from Museumwise: The Museum Association of New York (MANY), to be presented at its annual Museums in Conversation conference luncheon in Syracuse, New York, on Monday, April 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Museumwise gives out awards annually to projects ranging from exhibitions to educational programs, in order to recognize outstanding work in the museum and history community, reward staff and volunteers, and to encourage the development of new and innovative projects; and

WHEREAS, The Award of Merit, Museumwise's highest honor, is given to institutions or individuals whose projects represent exceptional contributions to the field and overall innovation and excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Historical Society is being honored for last year's public program, Revolution on the Runway, a multi-media event that featured 10 clothing examples representative of a 100 year time span (1860-1960), and explored the question of how clothing contributes to conforming or rebelling against societal norms; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Historical Society worked closely with four Russell Sage College students to create this exceptional program, which was held on March 16, 2012, at Bush Memorial Hall, Russell Sage College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of our great Empire State is greatly enhanced by institutions that engage communities in the exploration of New York's history and culture, instilling in them a deep appreciation for the richness and breadth of our cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Rensselaer County Historical Society, and for all of the individuals who have worked to bring proper attention to a place and time which merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Rensselaer County Historical Society upon the occasion of receiving an Award of Merit from Museumwise: The Museum Association of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rensselaer Historical Society.