

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Watervliet Arsenal

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to observe significant events which represent turning points in our unique history and which are indelibly etched in the saga of our great Nation; 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 Watervliet Arsenal on Friday, May 10, 2013, at the Watervliet Cultural Center in Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Watervliet Arsenal is an arsenal of the United States Army located in Watervliet, New York; it is the oldest continuously active arsenal in the United States, and today produces much of the artillery for the army as well as gun tubes for cannons, mortars, and tanks; and

WHEREAS, Becoming a National Historic Landmark in 1966, the arsenal was founded in 1813 to support the War of 1812; it was designated as the Watervliet Arsenal in 1817; and

WHEREAS, The Watervliet Arsenal is occupied on 142 acres of land; the site contains manufacturing, administrative offices, storage areas, and a museum tracing weaponry from the 17th century through modern times; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Watervliet Arsenal contains the Army's Benet Laboratories, which performs product development, improvement, research, and testing; it bears the historic Iron Building which currently serves as the Watervliet Arsenal Museum; 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 commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Watervliet Arsenal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Watervliet Arsenal.