

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the interests of the people of their community and the Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association has ably served the interests of the people of those New York State communities for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, The auspicious occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association provides an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to this important community organization; and

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago a small group of citizens met to create an organization, the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association, dedicated to community service and improvement and to fostering civic pride in the three towns; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1963, the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association held its first meeting on April 12, 1963 at P. S. 3; and

WHEREAS, The Association is dedicated to preservation of natural streams and forests, the maintenance of the area's historic housing stock, and the preservation of the rural character of the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley communities; and

WHEREAS, Among the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association's other worthy endeavors have been the restoration of the Pleasant Plains monument in 1968 in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in WWI and once again, in 2009, when a new statue was installed; and

WHEREAS, The Civic, as it is fondly known, hosts a Meet the Candidates forum to promote greater civic understanding and participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, In addition, it hosts the annual Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony and the Great American Barbecue, which foster a greater sense of community; and

WHEREAS, The Civic also collects canned food items at each meeting for the St. Edward Food Pantry at Mount Loretto and supports our troops by organizing community Thank You cards and collects presents for both the troops and their children for the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, It promoted strong and appropriate zoning controls by working to get the New York City zoning resolution for its area changed and by opposing out-of-character development in the area; and

WHEREAS, The Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association has also helped to prevent public lands from being developed for private use through its Public Land for Public Use effort; and

WHEREAS, The Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association has, similarly, helped to stop the storage of liquefied natural gas (LNG) on the south shore, installed welcome signs for each town, and conducted town and beach clean ups to support a better quality of life as well; and

WHEREAS, What began as a small group of concerned neighbors committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in their community, today touches the lives of thousands of people who make Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley their home; and

WHEREAS, The Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association may be justly proud of its record of service and achievement

over the last 50 years; it is a record which stands as a silent and

enduring tribute to the men and women whose vision and dedication have made the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley communities what they are today and what they hope to be tomorrow; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, and Richmond Valley Civic Association.