

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Hot Air Balloon Festival

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, individuals and events that are devoted 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 commemorate the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Hot Air Balloon Festival; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on July 5-7, 2013, at Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 20, 1907 with 312 charter members, the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, which until recently was known as the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce, was created to grow the local economy; and

WHEREAS, The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Balloon Festival, an annual summer tradition in the Hudson Valley, will take place from July 5-7 at various sites around Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Festival begins with a dozen evening launches scattered throughout Dutchess County at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 5; at 6 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, all balloons in town will dot the sky over the Hudson River, taking off from the docks of the Hudson River Rowing Association; another round of 6 p.m. departures will take place Saturday evening at various sites before a second 6 a.m. mass launch at the Hudson River Rowing Association Boathouse on Sunday, July 7 brings the Balloon Festival to a close; and

WHEREAS, In addition, as a special feature, on Friday and Saturday, "Moon Glow" nighttime balloon launches will take place at Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie; these launches are scheduled to take place after dark and will feature a specially treated balloon shining brightly against the night sky as it rises; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and events of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded 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 Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Hot Air Balloon Festival; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Hot Air Balloon Festival.