

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Centennial observance of the Onesiphorai Reading Club of Franklin, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Onesiphorai Reading Club of Franklin, New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, June 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Formed on February 20, 1913, by a group of 14 women who came together for the purpose of organizing a literary and social club, the object being first to read and encourage reading of good literature, history, travel, science, current events and fiction; the group was to also promote sociability among its members; and

WHEREAS, The club's name, Onesiphorai, meaning profitable, helpful, all working together from a Greek basis, was adopted at the third meeting on March 13, 1913; the club has had meetings held continuously since its inception every other Thursday afternoon at members' homes; during the meeting, members read aloud from fiction and nonfiction books, discuss current events, and enjoy homemade desserts; and

WHEREAS, The Onesiphorai Club currently has 16 active members and besides reading also carries out many small projects for the benefit of the community; an annual scholarship prize is awarded to a Franklin student in social studies; contributions for special books are given to the Franklin Free Library as well as donating books in memory of club members; during the holidays, gifts are given to families and children in need; and

WHEREAS, An asset to humanity, Onesiphorai members have helped with many projects to benefit the Franklin community and beyond; during the "World Wars" they sewed and knitted for the Red Cross and helped the Daughters of the American Revolution erect monuments commemorating a local treaty between Sluman Wattles and the Native Americans and in memory of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, The Onesiphorai Reading Club of Franklin, New York's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Centennial of the Onesiphorai Reading Club of Franklin, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Onesiphorai Reading Club of Franklin, New York.