

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMEMORATING the 70th Anniversary of the New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of New York, recognizing the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life in this Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The New York Association of Conservation Districts was formed in 1947, to represent Soil and Water Conservation Districts and voice their concerns and needs in regards to natural resource conservation at the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1958, the New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (NYACD) provides education and information on conservation, orderly development and wise use of the state's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, This vital non-partisan volunteer organization implements programs which encourage proactive, cooperative alliances with others to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast commitment to natural resource management, NYACD provides advocacy and representation of its members at the state, regional and national levels, as well as leadership in the wise use of soil, water and related natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the New York Association of Conservation Districts unifies the Directors of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide, and serves as a platform for relationships, networking, advocacy, training, and education; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 70 year history, the New York Association of Conservation Districts has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the New York Association of Conservation Districts is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the

continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations and individuals who are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.