

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** the Great Lot Sportsman's Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary on May 12, 2018

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom 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 and individuals 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 commend the Great Lot Sportsman's Club upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary to be celebrated at a party on Saturday, May 12, 2018, in Boonville, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Members are invited to come together on this momentous milestone to commemorate 25 fun-filled years of camp activity, and participate in numerous activities such as a scavenger hunt, ATV/UTV rides on camp trails, trap shooting, shotgun pie plate shoot, bulls eye shoot, archery, and cornhole; people can also watch fireworks at night and sit by a warm campfire all day long; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the past 25 years, the Great Lot Sportsman's Club of Boonville, New York, has provided dedicated service to sportsman education, and supported the continuation of the American camping heritage; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its inception, the Great Lot Sportsman's Club has continually supported numerous organizations through their volunteer programs to educate the general public on maintaining a healthy lifestyle through various outdoor activities including firearm safety, proper utilization of recreational equipment, propagation of fish and game, environmental laws and State regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, the Great Lot Sportsman's Club has donated significant funds to the local Humane Society; and

**WHEREAS,** The Great Lot Sportsman's Club has been a valuable asset to the local community; it has provided free hiking, fishing, canoeing, backpacking, bird watching and star gazing to several Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, and church organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** The Great Lot Sportsman's Club has also provided the general public the chance to experience several outdoors activities at no cost; each year, the Club conducts five guided snowshoeing trips where they provide equipment, food and drink, and hospitality; and offers four guided mountain bike rides where people all ages can participate; and

**WHEREAS,** Every October, the Great Lot Sportsman's Club hosts a military appreciation weekend; veterans travel from all over the Northeast to attend a few days of camaraderie and fellowship; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Great Lot Sportsman's Club; 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 commend the Great Lot Sportsman's Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary on May 12, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Great Lot Sportsman's Club.