

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**COMMEMORATING** the 25th Anniversary of the Bridge  
House Brats

**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 who would devote themselves 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 25th Anniversary of the Bridge House Brats; and

**WHEREAS,** For a quarter century, the Bridge House Brats have diligently worked to serve the public, build community pride and make a positive impact on the Village of Phoenix, New York, in Oswego County; and

**WHEREAS,** Located at the 19th Century Bridge House at Lock 1 on the Oswego River Canal, the group, comprised of approximately 50 young people aged eight to 18, welcomes visiting boaters from around the world who dock near there headquarters; and

**WHEREAS,** With warmth and hospitality, the Bridge House Brats greet boaters, delivers meals from local restaurants, and strives to ensure visitors leave with a positive first impression of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the years, the Bridge House Brats have received numerous accolades; in 2011, they were named official tourism ambassadors by the Oswego County Tourism Advisory Council, and in 2013, they were selected as Canal Ambassadors in recognition of their involvement with waterfront improvement projects and their hospitable way in which they interact with visiting boaters; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to their voluntary duties on the water, the Bridge House Brats are involved in an endless list of other community service projects including maintaining the park and a local museum, planting flowers, cleaning boats, hosting events and many other efforts which help enhance the Village of Phoenix and beyond; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the Bridge House Brats, numerous young people have learned to cultivate pride in their community and build important skills which have propelled them to future success as civic leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the steadfast and unremitting efforts of its members, both past and present, the Bridge House Brats has truly helped to strengthen the Village of Phoenix, Oswego County, and New York State as a whole; 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Bridge House Brats; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bridge House Brats.