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COMMENDING Triple Cities Street Rods upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of New York State is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Triple Cities Street Rods upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Triple Cities Street Rods was established by eight founding members, Mike Wright, Ron Greenman, Denny Ellis, Mike Ellis, Lee Grabowski, Randy Bush, Denny Arrofat, and Ken Lopole, to promote street rodding, assist members in building and maintaining their street rods, and promote rodding as a family activity; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Triple Cities Street Rods began hosting the Hickories Rod Run at Hickories Park in Owego, New York; along with the hot rods, there was always good food and free beer, a variety of games, especially volleyball; a car pull, a poker run and a sock hop; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s the club consisted of members from the Binghamton area west to the Elmira area; the individuals from the Elmira area decided to split off from Triple Cities Street Rods and formed the Chemung Valley Street Rods Club; and

WHEREAS, During the next decade, the Hot Rodders started raising funds for local charities through a sock hop/car cruise-in; later, it became the Annual Cruz In/Sock Hop, which ran many years at the Vestal American Legion, at the beginning of May, and it kicked off the car cruising season; in 2008, the event was changed to the Pasta Dinner and Cruise-In which is held at the Sons of Italy Hall in Endicott, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Triple Cities Hot Rods reorganized its car show at the Hickories Park into a two-day show known as Cars in the Park, which was divided into two parts: Saturday, open parking, kids' games, poker run, balloon toss and at times a car teeter totter, and a sock hop at night with live music; and Sunday, cars parked in their specific classes, many games continued, including kids painting cars and racing them on a downhill wooden track, a Chinese Auction, zoo mobile and other various events; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Cars in the Park was streamlined to the current one-day show which is still packed with activities for all; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Triple Cities Hot Rods has donated over \$120,000 along with hundreds of pounds of food and over a thousand

turkeys (during the holiday food drives) to over 35 local charities; the club has also supported 26 individuals with medical or financial problems, and has awarded over \$20,000 in tool sets to BOCES students going into the automotive field; and

WHEREAS, Today, the club consists of 35 members and their spouses who meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the Blue Dolphin restaurant in Apalachin, New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of Triple Cities Street Rods, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Triple Cities Street Rods upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Triple Cities Street Rods.