

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution upon the occasion of hosting the 2014 International Memorial Service to be held Saturday, June 7, 2014

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded organizations and community members who dedicate their lives to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution upon the occasion of hosting the 2014 International Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1775, the American Army moved north to invade Canada; and

WHEREAS, The French living in lower Canada joined the American rebel cause; and

WHEREAS, Fort Chambly and Montreal were both soon occupied by American rebels; and

WHEREAS, American General Richard Montgomery was killed in the Battle of Quebec City and the rebels retreated eventually to Fort Chambly; and

WHEREAS, In 1776, it is reported half of the rebels contracted smallpox resulting in the death of approximately 200 soldiers of both the 4th Dutchess County Militia and the 4th New York Line Brigade, as well as General John Thomas; they are all buried at Fort Chambly; and

WHEREAS, After a defeat at Trois-Rivieres on June 8, 1776, the Americans retreated to Crown Point, New York on Lake Champlain; and

WHEREAS, On June 2, 1925, the Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a monument at Fort Chambly in memory of General John Thomas and the 200 soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, the Saranac Chapter has conducted an International Memorial Service with organizations and dignitaries from Northern New York and Southern Quebec on the grounds of Fort Chambly; 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 Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution upon the occasion of hosting the 2014 International Memorial Service to be held Saturday, June 7, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.