

Senate Resolution No. 2736

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Corning American Legion Auxiliary, John P. Eaton Post No. 746 on February 23, 2020

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the community's across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those patriotic organizations and individuals who 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 100th Anniversary of the Corning American Legion Auxiliary, John P. Eaton Post No. 746, to be celebrated with a Buffet Luncheon at the Post on Sunday, February 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919, as a patriotic veterans organization; and

WHEREAS, Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the American Legion evolved from a group of World War I veterans into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the American Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth; currently, membership stands at over 2.4 million in more than 14,000 posts worldwide; and

WHEREAS, In November 1919, a charter was granted to Post No. 746 of Corning, New York, and given the name John Patchill Eaton, the first Corning native killed in action near Chateau Thierry, France, in July 1918; and

WHEREAS, By 1924, the Corning American Legion assumed much of the responsibility for the community's Memorial Day parade and ceremony; later that year, the 86th and 161st Regiments of the Grand Army of the Republic combined with Post 746; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 1954, Post members organized and participated in the John P. Eaton Drum and Bugle Corps, also known as the Glassmen; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Corning American Legion has grown to become very active in community, athletic, and veterans' affairs; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Corning American Legion continues its dedication to fostering the traditions of patriotism, excellence, and commitment which have made our nation strong; it is the custom of this

Legislative Body to recognize the significance of their contributions and to note their worthy endeavors which have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Corning American Legion Auxiliary, John P. Eaton Post No. 746; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Corning American Legion Auxiliary, John P. Eaton Post No. 746.