

BY: Senator ORTT

CELEBRATING the dedication of the new columbarium at the Glenwood Cemetery, and paying special recognition to Dan Russell, President of the Glenwood Cemetery Association, and the many community volunteers who assisted with the installation

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to those historic sites which serve as lasting reminders of our rich and unique past; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the dedication of the new columbarium at the Glenwood Cemetery on Saturday, May 22, 2021, and to pay special recognition to Dan Russell, President of the Glenwood Cemetery Association, and the many community volunteers who assisted with the installation; and

WHEREAS, A community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Glenwood Cemetery, a historic cemetery located in Lockport, New York, sits on acres of rolling hills on the Niagara Escarpment; and

WHEREAS, The Glenwood Cemetery Association owns 60 acres of land, 30 of it being undeveloped; it is estimated that 30,000 people have been buried in the Glenwood Cemetery, some dating back as far as the 1820s; notable burials in the cemetery include Governor Washington Hunt, William George Morgan, and the Sutherland Sisters, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, The new columbarium is a room/building with niches for funeral urns to be stored; anonymously donated, it was put together and placed as three separate units on Glenwood's grass; it now stands on a cement pad close to some of the cemetery's mausoleums; this new final resting place can host two urns in each of its 250 spaces; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when events such as the dedication of the new columbarium at the Glenwood Cemetery 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 celebrate the dedication of the new columbarium at the Glenwood Cemetery, and to pay special recognition to Dan Russell, President of the Glenwood Cemetery Association, and the many community volunteers who assisted with the installation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dan Russell, President, Glenwood Cemetery Association.