Assembly Resolution No. 53

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COMMEMORATING the 17th Annual Susan B. Anthony Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 201st birthday of Susan B. Anthony, an unequivocal champion for women's suffrage and equity; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this auspicious occasion, the National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House in Rochester, New York, will host a Gala which will be a 30-minute inspiring program to be broadcasted on WROC-TV on Wednesday, February 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Gala's keynote speaker is Susan Zirinsky, acclaimed journalist and groundbreaking producer, now President and Senior Executive Producer of CBS News; the theme this year is "A 2 Z", saluting the intersection between Susan B. Anthony as a public relations maven, author, and newspaper editor, and Susan Zirinsky, broadcast media icon; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Massachusetts, on February 15, 1820, and died in Rochester, New York, on March 13, 1906, where she spent much of her adult life; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony had a monumental impact in the history of the United States and the State of New York by creating the first women's movement and subsequently leading that movement for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony attended the National Convention of Women's Rights in Syracuse, New York, in 1852 where she met fellow New Yorker Elizabeth Cady Stanton and became compelled to support and lead the cause in support of women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, In 1868, the first proposal for women's suffrage was introduced in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony appeared before every Congress from 1869 to 1906 to ask for the passage of a suffrage amendment; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony traveled across the country giving speeches promoting women's suffrage and risking arrest for doing so, effectively organizing thousands of women across the country to promote this honorable cause; and

WHEREAS, In 1872, Susan B. Anthony was arrested outside of her home in Rochester, New York, for voting in the Presidential Election and fined $100 for her crime, which brought national attention to the suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony served as President of the National

American Women's Suffrage Association from 1892 to 1900, whose headquarters were based in Rochester, New York, for the duration of her term; and

WHEREAS, In 1920, the women's suffrage amendment was ratified by the 36th state, passing its final hurdle and granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, In 1921, Susan B. Anthony was posthumously recognized with a marble statue in her honor in the United States Capitol for her lifetime of service and advocacy in support of women; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Susan B. Anthony's home in Rochester, New York, was awarded National Historic Landmark status, and has since become a national attraction for hundreds of thousands of Americans who wish to learn more about the legacy of this visionary and courageous American Civil Rights leader; and

WHEREAS, The 2021 Susan B. Anthony holiday observance marks the 201st Anniversary of her birth, and the 17th Annual Holiday celebrated in the State of New York in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Susan B. Anthony committed herself to an assortment of other worthy causes, including the abolition of slavery, equal pay for equal work, and the rights of labor to organize; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Susan B. Anthony, a lifelong New Yorker and champion for equality who fought tirelessly to ensure that our nation could continue to live up to its most sacrosanct principles, and ensuring that no American be denied of their constitutional right to self-governance on the basis of their sex; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate and honor the life of Susan B. Anthony upon the occasion of the anniversary of her birth and the celebration of Susan B. Anthony Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House in Rochester, New York; and the League of Women Voters of New York State in Albany, New York.