Senate Resolution No. 433

BY: Senator ORTT

COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Somerset, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Somerset, New York, to be celebrated with a Bicentennial Kick-Off Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Somerset, New York is a rural lakeside community located in the most eastern portion of Niagara County, on the southern shore of Lake Ontario, approximately 45 minutes from Niagara Falls to the west and 60 miles from Rochester to the east; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1823 as a farming community, the Town of Somerset remains a rich rural area with many picturesque dairy and fruit farms, producing some of the finest fruits and vegetables in the United States; the historic Seaway Trail travels through the town via Route 18; and

WHEREAS, Somerset is proudly the home to the Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse and Golden Hill State Park Marina and Campground; the campground has been named a top 100 park in the United States, and the lighthouse was featured as the designated Lake Ontario lighthouse in the Great Lakes Lighthouse Stamp collection in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Town is home to the beautiful historical Babcock Cobblestone House Museum, which is the Welcome Center for Somerset and run by the Town of Somerset Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Barker is located within the center of Somerset and boasts wonderful shops, restaurants, and businesses, as well as a post office and library; in addition, Barker Central School offers top-notch educational opportunities for local children and is the home of many award-winning sports and academic teams; and

WHEREAS, With the vision for a future high in technology melded with the serenity of a proud and historic past, Somerset is actively pursuing companies to locate to its quaint little town; and

WHEREAS, Of historic origin, and remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Somerset continues to provide the quintessential quality of life for its residents who truly work together for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the Town of Somerset have a bright outlook

for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Town of Somerset's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited town upon the occasion of its 200th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Somerset, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Somerset, New York.