Assembly Resolution No. 2113

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COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the American Society of Landscape Architects and recognizing the enduring contributions of landscape architects to the well-being and prosperity of New York State

WHEREAS, Landscape architecture is a multifaceted profession that encompasses the analysis, design, planning, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environment, playing a crucial role in shaping the spaces where people live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, Landscape architects design and create community master plans, walkable neighborhoods, multimodal transportation networks, green stormwater systems, and accessible spaces such as public plazas, parks, schools, residential common areas, playgrounds, and trails that lead to active lifestyles and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, The American Society of Landscape Architects, founded on January 4, 1899, has reached the remarkable milestone of its 125th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The 125th anniversary of the American Society of Landscape Architects is an opportunity to reflect on the profession's transformative impact on public health, safety, and welfare through the thoughtful design, analysis, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environments in New York State contributing to the overall well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Landscape architects are STEM professionals, leveraging science, technology, engineering, and mathematics knowledge to address the most pressing challenges facing its communities, fostering innovation, research, and leadership in the field; and

WHEREAS, As licensed professionals, landscape architects have consistently demonstrated their commitment to public health, safety, and welfare by designing accessible and safe public spaces, promoting active lifestyles, and fostering resilient and sustainable outdoor environments in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Landscape architects have played an integral role in shaping the economic, social, and cultural fabric of New York State, contributing to the creation of vibrant and livable communities that enhance the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, New York State dutifully recognizes the vital role of licensed landscape architects in shaping healthy, equitable, safe, and resilient public and private outdoor spaces, contributing to the overall well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, New York State acknowledges with pride the impact of

landscape architects in addressing climate change and biodiversity through innovative and sustainable design practices, creating resilient and green infrastructure to withstand and respond to severe weather

events, ultimately reducing the burden on state and local funds for disaster recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, This great State of New York finds it imperative to celebrate the economic benefits derived from licensed landscape architects, acknowledging their role in creating inviting and safe spaces that contribute to the state's economy, while simultaneously preserving the environment and ecological systems; and

WHEREAS, New York State also acknowledges The City College of New York, Cornell University, and The State University of New York for their accredited landscape architecture programs, nurturing and inspiring students to become the next generation of leaders and innovators in landscape architecture within New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the American Society of Landscape Architects and recognizes the enduring contributions of landscape architects to the well-being and prosperity of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Society of Landscape Architects.