Assembly Resolution No. 2129

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COMMENDING the Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation's Flowers for Tadeusz Kosciuszko campaign

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals and organizations which have made contributions to the cultural enrichment of the State of New York, and to the success and progress of society during their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation's Flowers for Tadeusz Kosciuszko campaign; and

WHEREAS, The Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation is a non-profit that was founded in 2014, and is dedicated to raising awareness of Polish society in the United States, supporting Polish schools, and spreading knowledge of Polish involvement in the founding of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The foundation promotes Polish culture through art activities, theater performances, suggestions for extracurricular activities, as well as through special cultural events; and

WHEREAS, The Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation launched an annual Flowers for Tadeusz Kosciuszko campaign in 2023 to commemorate Kosciuszko's death anniversary, which is on October 15th; on this day every year, the Polish-American community comes together to celebrate Kosciuszko's everlasting legacy; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, a ceremony was held on the Maspeth side of the Kosciuszko bridge, as a bronze memorial dedicated to Kosciuszko is located there, to commemorate the 205th anniversary of his death; during this ceremony, two plaques commemorating Kosciuszko were unveiled, and readings of congratulatory letters and speeches were given; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of Polish organizations such as PASI, the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP), and the Polish School at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York attended this touching tribute ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Tadeusz Kosciuszko was a Polish military general who has made significant contributions during the Revolutionary War, both to the establishment and security of New York and the greater United States; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his time in the United States, Kosciuszko obtained the high status of brigadier general, received United States citizenship, and earned a medal for his commitment to the Continental Army; and

WHEREAS, Historically, many of Tadeusz Kosciuszko's greatest military conquests that secured Americans with eternal freedom took place in New York, including victory in the brutal Battle of Saratoga

and fortification of West Point- one of the most critical historic defensive positions for the United States; his support for the American cause during the Revolutionary War and his wisdom, integrated with his military intelligence, was key in multiple battles against the British that paved the way for American victory; and

WHEREAS, The members of this great State and Nation shall give due praise to this organization that has labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves, while upholding important facets of our shared history, as well as protecting those cultural values dear to many New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation's Flowers for Tadeusz Kosciuszko campaign; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation.