Assembly Resolution No. 2175

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COMMENDING the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association upon the occasion of hosting its 23rd Annual Flag Day Parade on June 13, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations that embrace the historical significance and contributions of their localities, strengthening the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association upon the occasion of hosting its 23rd Annual Flag Day Parade on Thursday, June 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The first Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association Flag Day Parade was held in June of 2002 and began as part of the patriotic feelings that swept the Nation following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The annual event quickly grew, becoming a very popular celebration of Old Glory, as well as an opportunity to recognize local groups and traditions, while bringing people together from the Town of Ballston and the surrounding communities in northern Schenectady and Saratoga Counties; and

WHEREAS, Each year, before the parade, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association, in conjunction with Community Human Services, presents the annual "Route 50 Mile," which is a one-mile road race down the parade route, occurring five minutes before the parade; and

WHEREAS, Having more than 60 sponsors, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association Flag Day Parade has quickly become one of the premier events of our outstanding school district and citizenship that supports all residents, pulling the community together for a night of fun and fireworks; and

WHEREAS, The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake community lies in a suburban/rural area of southern Saratoga County and northern Schenectady County and encompasses approximately 40 square miles, including most of the town of Ballston, as well as parts of Charlton, Clifton Park, and Glenville; and

WHEREAS, The community is composed of modern single-family residential developments in addition to numerous working farms, apple orchards, forests, and open areas where commercial development is limited, primarily to the main north-south thoroughfare which is New York State Route 50; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association has been steadfast in its mission to encourage, support, and promote business and the quality of life in the Ballston, Charlton, Clifton Park, and Glenville areas, encompassed by the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School District; and

WHEREAS, Adhering to tradition, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association will provide scholarship awards in technology, business, and family and consumer sciences (FACS); this year's recipients will serve as Junior Grand Marshals; and

WHEREAS, This year, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake State Champion individuals and athletic teams have been selected as the 2024 Flag Day Parade Grand Marshals for their endeavors on and off the field of play, representing their community as outstanding scholar-athletes; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend cultural events which symbolize the historical, social, and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association upon the occasion of hosting its 23rd Annual Flag Day Parade on June 13, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association and President Nicole M. Skinner-Graudons.