

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMEMORATING the 93rd Anniversary of the New York
State Conservation Council

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 93rd Anniversary of the New York State Conservation Council to be celebrated in conjunction with its Annual Fall Convention August 28-30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1933 during a pivotal era in the Nation's conservation movement, the New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) is the oldest statewide conservation organization in New York State and has served continuously for more than nine decades as a leading voice for the conservation, protection, and responsible management of the State's fish, wildlife, forests, waters, and outdoor resources; and

WHEREAS, For 93 consecutive years, the New York State Conservation Council has remained steadfast in its commitment to advancing sound conservation principles, protecting New York's natural resources, and preserving the outdoor traditions that are an integral part of the State's heritage and identity; and

WHEREAS, As the New York State Conservation Council celebrates its 93rd Anniversary, it also looks toward a significant milestone—the organization's Centennial Anniversary in 2033—which will mark one hundred years of dedicated service to the conservation of New York's natural resources and outdoor traditions; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Conservation Council was established to unite sportsmen's clubs, conservation organizations, and outdoor enthusiasts under a common mission of stewardship, education, and advocacy for New York's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, For more than nine decades, the New York State Conservation Council has served as a forum through which local sportsmen's clubs, county federations, and conservation organizations can bring forward concerns, recommendations, and policies affecting the conservation and management of New York's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Through its extensive network of affiliated clubs, county federations, and individual members, the New York State Conservation Council advocates on behalf of hunters, anglers, trappers, conservationists, recreational shooters, and outdoor enthusiasts across the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, By statute, the New York State Conservation Council serves as the sole nongovernmental organization represented on the New York State Conservation Fund Advisory Board and an advisory member of the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, providing a unique and vital voice for New York's sportsmen and women in matters relating to fish and wildlife conservation and management; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, the New York State Conservation Council has championed science-based wildlife management, hunter education, public access to outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, clean water initiatives, fisheries management, conservation education, and the preservation of New York's rich outdoor heritage; and

WHEREAS, The Council has played an important role in promoting conservation education throughout New York State by encouraging responsible stewardship of natural resources and supporting educational programs that connect citizens of all ages to the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Conservation Council has long recognized the value of volunteerism in conservation and has supported the efforts of volunteer Hunter Education Instructors and conservation educators who have helped train generations of safe, ethical, and responsible hunters, trappers, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, The Council has worked cooperatively with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, State and federal lawmakers, local governments, conservation organizations, and countless volunteers to advance policies and programs that benefit both the environment and the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, For 93 years, generations of dedicated volunteers and leaders have devoted countless hours in service to the New York State Conservation Council, ensuring that future generations may enjoy the abundant natural resources and outdoor traditions that define New York State; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Conservation Council remains steadfast in its mission to protect and enhance New York's natural resources while promoting responsible outdoor recreation, conservation education, and public participation in the stewardship of the State's lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, Since 1933, the New York State Conservation Council has helped ensure that the voices of New York's sportsmen and women are represented in matters affecting fish and wildlife management, habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, environmental stewardship, and the responsible use of the State's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Through its advocacy, educational efforts, and participation in public policy discussions, the New York State Conservation Council has served as a trusted and respected partner in advancing the interests of conservation while balancing the needs of sportsmen and women, landowners, outdoor recreationists, and future

generations of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor the New York State Conservation Council for its extraordinary contributions to conservation, outdoor recreation, education, and the preservation of New York's natural heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 93rd Anniversary of the New York State Conservation Council and recognize its enduring contributions to conservation, outdoor recreation, and environmental stewardship throughout the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Officers and Board of Directors of the New York State Conservation Council in recognition of its 93 years of dedicated service to conservation, education, public stewardship, and outdoor recreation throughout the State of New York.