

Senate Resolution No. 501

BY: Senator ROLISON

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Wappinger, New York, on May 20, 2025

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 150th Anniversary of the Town of Wappinger, New York, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1875 and formed from part of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Wappinger was named after the Wappani Native Americans who previously resided there; in its early days, Wappinger was a mill town which used Wappinger Creek to run approximately 30 factories; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2000, the Town of Wappinger, adding to its already rich history, acquired Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park, a 99.7-acre estate perched above the Hudson River, offering breathtaking views of the Hudson River Valley and housing the historic 1850 Carnwath Manor and several other buildings which span centuries of history; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Town of Wappinger offers two marinas on the Hudson River, and the Wappingers Central School District is the second largest school district in the State of New York, consisting of the Wappingers Junior High School and Roy C. Ketcham High School; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Wappinger is also home to the Hudson Valley Regional Airport, formerly known as New Hackensack Field, a historic site which has played a significant role in the region's development; established during World War II, the airport has served as a hub for both military and civilian aviation, contributing to the growth of the community and the Greater Hudson Valley; today, the airport continues to be a vital resource for both business and leisure travelers, enhancing Wappinger's connectivity and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, Rooted in history and thriving through the changes and challenges over the years, the Town of Wappinger continues to exemplify an exceptional quality of life for its residents, fostering a vibrant environment for both work and recreation, while promoting strong community connections; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Wappinger remain hopeful and optimistic about the future of their community, which continues to be a picturesque and dynamic place to call home, where families can flourish and grow; and

WHEREAS, Honoring the Town of Wappinger for its rich past and

lasting impact on the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of this resilient and thriving town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Wappinger, 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 Wappinger, New York.