Senate Resolution No. 56

BY: Senator WALCZYK

COMMEMORATING the 130th Anniversary of the City of Johnstown, New York

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 130th Anniversary of the City of Johnstown in Fulton County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The land which modern-day Johnstown occupies was originally settled around 1758; the community was established by William Johnson, an Irish immigrant and trader known for his connections with Native American tribes, who came to New York in 1738; and

WHEREAS, The community was originally a village-named "John's Town" in 1762 after William's son, John Johnson; it was reincorporated as a village in 1803, then as a city in 1895; and

WHEREAS, Rich in history, the area was the site of the Battle of Johnstown, one of the last battles of the Revolutionary War with 1,400 participants on the British and American side combined; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the renowned suffragette, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was born in Johnstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Alongside Gloversville, the City of Johnstown became popular for the tanning and leather industry and became known as the "glove making capital of the world"; and

WHEREAS, The city is home to the Knox gelatin plant, which was built in 1890 by Charles Knox, then operated by his wife rose after his death in 1908; their generosity and philanthropic efforts can still be noticed today in the likes of Knox Park; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the City of Johnstown continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional, and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the City of Johnstown, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the communities of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to City of Johnstown.