Senate Resolution No. 67

BY: Senator WALCZYK

COMMEMORATING the 130th Anniversary of the City of Little Falls, 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 Little Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Little Falls was first settled by Europeans around 1723, when German Palatines were granted land under the Burnetsfield Patent; it was then the westernmost European settlement in the colony of New York; and

WHEREAS, Located in Herkimer County, the City of Little Falls was incorporated in 1895 and is built on both sides of the Mohawk River; transportation through the valley was improved by construction of the Erie Canal, completed in 1825 and connecting the Great Lakes with the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, With dairy farms located throughout the area, Little Falls was a major center for the manufacturing of cheese in the third quarter of the 19th century; its products were shipped to market in New York City and other major cities; furthermore, in the 20th century it attracted immigrants from eastern and southern Europe, who worked in factories for textiles, gloves and other products; and

WHEREAS, The City of Little Falls was home to Nicholas Herkimer, a Brigadier General during the American Revolution who lost his life at the Battle of Oriskany; and

WHEREAS, The second smallest city in the State of New York, Little Falls hosts an Annual Cheese Festival which is the biggest in the Northeast; and

WHEREAS, Of historic origin, and remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the City of Little Falls continues to provide the quintessential quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Today, the residents of the City of Little Falls have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the City of Little Falls rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited town upon the occasion of its 130th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the City of Little Falls,

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 City of Little Falls, New York.