Senate Resolution No. 68

BY: Senator WALCZYK

COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of De Peyster, New York, in 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 200th Anniversary of the Town of De Peyster, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Town of De Peyster, in St. Lawrence County, was established in 1825, formed from parts of the Towns of DeKalb and Oswegatchie; and

WHEREAS, Originally, the Town was intended to be named Stillwell, the namesake of a local resident, Smith Stillwell; however, he declined the honor; and

WHEREAS, Instead, Smith Stillwell initiated correspondence with New York City attorney and local landowner, Frederic de Peyster II, a prominent member of the De Peyster family, resulting in De Peyster as the name of the burgeoning town; and

WHEREAS, The Town of De Peyster is bordered by the Oswegatchie River to the northeast and Black Lake to the northwest; southwest of the Town is a smaller lake, Mud Lake, and to the southeast is Beaver Creek; and

WHEREAS, The Town of De Peyster is known for its hiking and biking trails, fishing, and numerous outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Notable native residents of De Peyster include former New York State Senator Patty Ritchie and Newton Martin Curtis, a Civil War Union officer and Congressman; and

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

WHEREAS, The residents of the Town of De Peyster have a bright outlook for the future of their community which remains a beautiful place in which to live, raise a family, conduct business, and enjoy the natural beauty and historical sites that make this sector of New York State a charming and welcoming community; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of De Peyster's 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 200th Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of De Peyster, 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 the Town of De Peyster.