Assembly Resolution No. 1112

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COMMEMORATING the 80th Anniversary of Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those enduring institutions which contribute significantly to the economic vitality, cultural richness, and social fabric of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club, to be celebrated on Monday, April 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Located in the Village of New York Mills in Oneida County, Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club stands on land once known as the Campbell Estate, a property whose history traces back to the early industrial development of the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Campbell, born in Scotland on February 14, 1809, came to New York Mills at the invitation of Benjamin Walcott Sr., where he began work in the local mills as a spinner and eventually rose through the ranks to become superintendent of all the mills; and

WHEREAS, In 1843, Samuel Campbell, together with William D. Walcott, purchased the Oneida Manufacturing Society, and through his leadership and business success he amassed an extensive estate which included the land that today forms the grounds of Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club; and

WHEREAS, The golf course at this location originated more than a century ago as a nine-hole course and evolved through several names before being incorporated by another family in 1942; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Sam and Jim Girmonde acquired the Campbell property, marking the beginning of the Girmonde family's stewardship which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Although the original Campbell homestead had been destroyed by fire, Sam Girmonde restored and repurposed the remaining barn and carriage house into what became the Twin Ponds facility, preserving elements of the original structure that remain visible to visitors today; and

WHEREAS, Over the decades, the Girmonde family expanded the golf course from nine holes to a full public 18-hole course while developing an elegant yet welcoming banquet facility that serves the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club has remained under continuous family ownership for four generations, with Joe Girmonde, his son David, and now David's son joining in the operation and continued

growth of the business; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, significant renovations enhanced the banquet facility with updated decor, carpets, ceilings, dance floor, entranceways, and fountains, ensuring that the venue continues to offer a refined and welcoming environment for guests; and

WHEREAS, The beautifully maintained grounds feature carefully manicured fairways and gardens filled with a wide variety of annual and perennial flowers, providing a picturesque setting that has hosted countless wedding ceremonies, community celebrations, and memorable gatherings; and

WHEREAS, For decades, Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club has served as a valued gathering place for residents throughout the Mohawk Valley, hosting golf tournaments, weddings, corporate events, and charitable outings that benefit organizations such as Believe 271, iCAN, CABVI, and the Rescue Mission of Utica; and

WHEREAS, The club's continued success was reflected in 2025 when it was named a finalist for Business of the Year by the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce, demonstrating the strong reputation it has built within the regional business community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its longstanding traditions, Twin Ponds has embraced innovation by expanding indoor golf opportunities through modern simulator technology, allowing the facility to host winter leagues and year-round events for members and guests; and

WHEREAS, Through eight decades of dedication to hospitality, recreation, and community engagement, the Girmonde family has preserved and strengthened a beloved local institution that continues to enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club, honoring the Girmonde family and all those whose vision, dedication, and service have sustained this treasured community landmark; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club.