Assembly Resolution No. 1141

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COMMEMORATING May 2026 as the 142nd Anniversary of the groundbreaking of the construction of Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to landmarks of historical significance that contribute to the rich cultural and political heritage of the State of New York and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate May 2026 as the 142nd Anniversary of the groundbreaking of the construction of Sagamore Hill, the historic home of President Theodore Roosevelt, located in Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, In May 1884, following the purchase of 155 acres of land in Cove Neck, Theodore Roosevelt began construction on what would become Sagamore Hill, ultimately completing the house in 1885 and making it his permanent residence; and

WHEREAS, Sagamore Hill would go on to serve not only as Theodore Roosevelt's family home but also as a center of political and diplomatic activity, especially during his presidency from 1901 to 1909, when it was affectionately known as the "Summer White House"; and

WHEREAS, As the home of one of the most consequential figures in American history--statesman, conservationist, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and the 26th President of the United States-Sagamore Hill stands today as a tangible symbol of Theodore Roosevelt's legacy and character; and

WHEREAS, The beginning of Sagamore Hill's construction in May 1884 marked the first step in the creation of a residence that would host world leaders, serve as a site of significant political discourse, and become a cornerstone of American heritage; and

WHEREAS, Today, Sagamore Hill is preserved as a National Historic Site under the stewardship of the National Park Service, and it continues to educate and inspire visitors from across the Nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, The 142nd Anniversary of the groundbreaking of the construction of Sagamore Hill offers an important opportunity to reflect on our shared history and recommit to the preservation of sites that honor the ideals and achievements of our Nation's past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate May 2026 as the 142nd Anniversary of the groundbreaking of the construction of Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, New York, and to honor

the vision and enduring legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Park Service at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site and to historical organizations which are dedicated to the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt.