Assembly Resolution No. 1190

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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Vestal Museum

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vestal Museum; and

WHEREAS, The Vestal Railroad Station was built as the Lackawanna Railroad Depot for the Town of Vestal and started service in 1881; the line connected New York City to Buffalo, providing passenger service to Vestal from 1881 until 1959; the famous train, "Phoebe Snow," made regular stops at this station; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Vestal purchased the Depot in 1972 and moved it to its present location in the parking lot near the Vestal Library; the Vestal Historical Society led the restoration of the Depot which opened as a museum in June of 1976; and

WHEREAS, Since 1976, the Vestal Museum has managed a collection of countless local items and hosts both permanent and rotating exhibits that detail the industrial and social history of Vestal and the surrounding Southern Tier region; and

WHEREAS, The Vestal Museum itself serves as a functional historic landmark, preserving the unique architectural style of the original D.L. & W. Station for public access; it offers specialized programs for local schools and the public, often collaborating with the Vestal Historical Society to provide guided tours and historical lectures; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Vestal Museum is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vestal Museum and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Vestal Museum.