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COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the New York International Auto Show

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to recognize and commemorate institutions, events, and achievements that have contributed significantly to the economic vitality, cultural richness, and industrial progress of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting to acknowledge the enduring legacy and milestone anniversary of the New York International Auto Show, which celebrates its 125th consecutive year in 2025 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in the City and State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York International Auto Show first opened its doors on November 3, 1900, at the original Madison Square Garden, with just 34 automakers displaying 160 vehicles to a fascinated public at a time when there were more horses than cars on America's roads; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century and a quarter, the Auto Show has grown into the oldest and largest attended automotive exhibition in North America, drawing more than a million visitors annually, and showcasing new technologies, concepts, and models that shape the future of personal and commercial transportation; and

WHEREAS, From the earliest gasoline-powered horseless carriages to today's cutting-edge electric vehicles and concept cars, the show has reflected-and often anticipated-developments that have transformed the way people live, work, and move; and

WHEREAS, The show has long been a fixture in New York's economy, generating substantial tourism, supporting jobs in hospitality, transportation, and marketing, and positioning New York as a global center of innovation in automotive technology; and

WHEREAS, The exhibition has provided a premier platform for public education, charitable fundraising, industry networking, and the debut of vehicles that have captured the imagination of generations, including the Ford Mustang, Jaguar E-Type, Cadillac Eldorado Brougham, and many others; and

WHEREAS, The move to the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in 1987 enabled the show to double in size and enhance its influence as a major international automotive and consumer event, while anchoring the Javits Center as a top-tier venue for exhibitions in the heart of Manhattan's West Side; and

WHEREAS, In recent decades, the New York International Auto Show has played a central role in promoting clean transportation, debuting alternative-fuel and electric vehicles, supporting EV infrastructure awareness, and hosting test tracks and educational programs aimed at

accelerating the transition to sustainable mobility; and

WHEREAS, The show has also served as the host of the World Car Awards since 2006, further solidifying its position as a venue where global recognition, competition, and innovation intersect each year; and

WHEREAS, On the occasion of its 125th anniversary, the New York International Auto Show continues to stand as a dynamic celebration of design, technology, commerce, and community-bringing together automakers, consumers, press, and policymakers from around the globe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the New York International Auto Show and recognize its historical and ongoing contributions to New York State and the broader automotive industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the organizers of the New York International Auto Show, the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, and the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in commemoration of this significant milestone.