

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 11th day of April 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, libraries help people of all ages discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as provide personal service and assistance in finding needed information, libraries serve as economic engines for our community, helping people find jobs and gain the skills they need to get ahead in their careers and;

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities by providing opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning, The Marilla Free Library has provided essential services to the surrounding community for the last century, and;

WHEREAS, Marilla's original library was started in 1913 as a book circle in the home of Dr. Lester B. Lougee and his wife Jennie and continued to meet in many different homes in the town for many years and;

WHEREAS, the Lougees were instrumental in the development and growth of the library; Jennie served as librarian for 41 years, and Lester remained on the board of trustees until his death in 1948, and;

WHEREAS, The Marilla Free Library, which still stands at 11637 Bullis Road in Marilla was built as a Works Progress Administration project in 1936 and the building design included the Lamp of Knowledge symbol carved into the shutters to indicate that it is a place of learning, and;

WHEREAS, celebrating its 100th year of service The Marilla Free Library still plays an integral role in the community offering many programs for children encouraging the love of learning and reading to the future generation and the Friends of Marilla Free Library is a very active in coordinating and promoting community activities at the library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the **Marilla Free Library** on its 100th year serving the community.

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator –10th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County