Resolution No. 193       June 11, 2008

Supporting The Listing Of The O&W Napanoch Station/Museum As A Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Heritage Site

The Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee (Chairman Zimet and Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Sheeley, Cummings, Harris and Terrizzi) and Legislators Donaldson, R.S. Parete and Stoeckeler offer the following:

WHEREAS, railroad stations were valuable resources, key to progress and industrial development in the Hudson River Valley for many years, and

WHEREAS, the New York, Ontario & Western Railway’s Napanoch Station provided essential passenger and freight services for the families, businesses and farms of Ulster County, tourists and other visitors, as well as for the Eastern New York Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, the O&W Napanoch Station/Museum is one of the oldest remaining Mission-style stations in the United States, and is listed on the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, the Eastern New York Correctional Facility has worked with preservationists and historical societies to faithfully and authoritatively restore the Napanoch Station for use as a museum open to the public, interpreting this history and transportation heritage, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature supports the listing of the O&W Napanoch Station/Museum as a Hudson River National Heritage Area Heritage site,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30       NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Kraft, Roberti and Sheeley)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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