

RESOLUTION NO. 123

REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE TO KEEP JOHN BOYD THACHER PARK OPEN

Introduced: 3/8/10

By Messrs. McCoy, Commisso, Morse, Ward, Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, Governor Paterson has proposed to close John Boyd Thacher Park to assist in meeting the financial crunch the State of New York faces, and

WHEREAS, While this Honorable Body understands the fiscal difficulties faced by the State, the importance of having access to one of the most valuable local recreational areas cannot be over stressed, and

WHEREAS, The history of Thacher Park dates back around 400 years to a time when the trail now known as the Indian Ladder Trail was used by the Mohawk Iroquois Indians to reach the trading post operated by Henry Hudson, and

WHEREAS, This beautiful park, some 2155 acres, has been used by countless visitors from the Albany area and beyond and during tough economic times, people have avoided costly travel and have instead opted to take advantage of local recreational areas, and

WHEREAS, Albany County appeals on behalf of the citizens of the County to the Governor and the New York State Officials responsible for the decision to close Thacher Park to please allow the residents of the County to continue to enjoy this wonderful asset and please don't allow the park to deteriorate into an unusable patch of land, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that New York State Officials are requested to keep John Boyd Thacher Park open, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, Senate Temporary President Malcolm A. Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Albany County's State representatives Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, Timothy Gordon, John McEneny and Robert Reilly and to the appropriate County Officials.

Resolution was withdrawn by sponsors. 3/8/10