

RESOLUTION

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TORCH CLUBS, INC.

JUNE 25-28, 2009

APPLETON, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS one hundred twelve members and guests of the International Association of Torch Clubs gathered on June 25-28, 2009 in a city that quickly became "The Apple of Their Eyes" -- namely the city of Appleton on the Fox River in the Badger State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS their bodies and souls were nourished by friendships, new and renewed, made at the mid-city Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, with its domed pool, "gazabo-ed" restaurant, "well-ventilated" meeting rooms, and tasty meals -- (one especially boasting a Scrumptious Dessert!) -- and

WHEREAS the minds of the attendees were greatly enriched by papers delivered on scientific and cultural subjects ranging from stem cell research to climate change to Wisconsin's historic beaver trade to the thoughts of the state's first poet laureate, and especially to the history of our country's involvement in the Viet Nam conflict, and

WHEREAS participants traveled to places of assorted interest:

- *Historic houses where art and magnificent woodwork abounded or where Mr. Edison's invention brightened the lives of a family in their home for the first time anywhere, or*
- *A museum where paperweights had everyone "oo-ing and "ah-ing" and asking "How do they do that?", or*
- *Another museum, this one dedicated to science, where we were often surprised to learn facts about our Earth, or*

- *Yet a third museum, one whose display informed us of the major industry of the Fox River Valley, namely the paper industry, or finally*
- *An Escarpment that played a major role in exploration and development of this area, and*

WHEREAS Torch members and guests were whisked off to Scandinavia via melodies from stringed instruments and the happy, rapidly moving feet of the North Star Nordic Dancers, and finally

WHEREAS the Torch Club of Fox Valley graciously lowered the outside (and inside!) temperature, brought out the sunshine, and even supplied a delightful farmers' market for us to peruse on Saturday morning, be it hereby resolved that congratulations be expressed to the Torch Club of Fox Valley and especially that hearty kudos be extended to Barbara Kelly and the hard-working committee who set the convention's theme, "Rich in Tradition, Embracing the Future," and who made the arrangements and so graciously welcomed us to their lovely region of the United States. This statement shall be inscribed in the minutes of the International Association of Torch Clubs this 28th day of June in the year 2009.