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ATTACHED FIND COPY OF RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN P. MORRISSEY OFFICIALLY PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PROCLAMATION HONORING THOMAS A. EDISON ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1944 TO BE KNOWN AS "EDISON DAY". THE RESOLUTION IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THOMAS EDISON WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 11, 1847 AT PORT HURON, MICHIGAN. HE AT ALL TIMES WAS AMBITIOUS, WILLING AND HAD TO START TO WORK AT AN EARLY AGE. HIS FIRST KNOWN JOB WAS THE SELLING OF NEWSPAPERS, ETC. ON THE RAILROAD TRAINS IN HIS LOCALITY. DURING ONE OF HIS TRIPS HE SAVED THE LIFE OF THE DAUGHTER OF THE STATION MASTER AT MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN, WHO TO REWARD HIM AND TO SHOW HIS APPRECIATION TAUGHT HIM THE USE OF THE TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT AND HE BECAME A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR. HIS WILLINGNESS TO WORK AND HIS FONDNESS OF THE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR'S POSITION MADE HIM DEEPLY INTERESTED, AND HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE METHOD OF THE USE OF THE TELEGRAPH WIRES AND INSTRUMENTS. HE CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF SENDING MORE THAN ONE MESSAGE ON THE SAME WIRE.

HIS INVENTIONS WERE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY USEFUL, AND HE WAS ABLE TO EARN MONEY IN THE SALE OF THESE IMPROVED METHODS. THE MONEY HE ACCUMULATED GAVE HIM A START, AND HE OPENED A WORKSHOP AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, AND EXPANDED TO A NEW SHOP IN MENLO PARK, NEW JERSEY IN THE YEAR 1876. HIS PRINCIPLE INVENTIONS WERE: AUTOMATIC TELEGRAPH REPEATER, QUADRUPLIX TELEGRAPH, PRINTING TELEGRAPH, MIMEOGRAPH, TELEPHONE TRANSMITTER, THE MICROPHONE, THE PHONOGRAPH, THE EDIPHONE, THE INCANDESCENT LAMP, MOTION PICTURES, STORAGE BATTERIES, TALKING MOTION PICTURES, AND MANY OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRICAL INVENTIONS - ALL OF WHICH WERE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AT THAT TIME TO THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

THE GREAT PRODUCTION THAT WE FIND IN WORLD WAR #2 WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WERE IT NOT FOR THE ORIGINAL INVENTIONS OF MR. EDISON. HIS INVENTIONS PLAY A LARGE PART IN TRANSPORTATION BY AIR, BY LAND AND BY SEA. ALL THE MODERN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN THE HOME AND AT WORK WERE FUNDAMENTALLY CREATED BY THIS GREAT GENIUS, EDISON. !

HONOR SHOULD BE PAID WITH SINCERE THANKS FROM ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO THOMAS A. EDISON.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN P. MORRISSEY WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY BOTH THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1944. GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY WILL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

- E D I S O N D A Y -

"WHEREAS, Thomas Alva Edison, an American born genius and inventor, has given to the entire world great electrical, mechanical, chemical, sound and light inventions that have revolutionized and advanced the living and working conditions of all of the peoples of the world, and

WHEREAS, his outstanding invention of the incandescent electric light lamp has turned darkness into brightness throughout the entire world, and

WHEREAS, his many advanced inventions in the operation of the complicated telegraph system have permitted the expressions by coded words to be transmitted around the world in an instant of time, and

WHEREAS, his marvelous invention of the phonograph has brought happiness and comfort into the homes and other places of the peoples of the world, and

WHEREAS, he was the pioneer in producing talking motion pictures that now is a gigantic industry of science, education and pleasure, and

WHEREAS, all of his inventions without exception were of outstanding value in the first world war, and

WHEREAS, his many inventions are playing a vital part in production of all of the necessities for the victorious conclusions of the second world war, and

WHEREAS, his name shall go down in history as a great man who as an individual has contributed to the advancement of science throughout the world, now therefore be it

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), that the Governor of the State of New York be and hereby is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the anniversary of his birth, February 11, 1944 as Edison Day, and that the Governor call upon all citizens of the State of New York to display the National Emblem, and that proper exercises be held to commemorate the memory of Thomas Alva Edison, and invite the people of the State of New York to observe this day in schools, churches and other places with appropriate ceremonies."

ADOPTED JANUARY 31, 1944.