

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Rome
College Foundation on November 4, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rome College Foundation to be celebrated with a Food for Thought Dinner on Friday, November 4, 2016, at The Beeches Inn & Conference Center, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Rome College Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1966, and supported by the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce and other local groups; and

WHEREAS, Located in offices of the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Rome, New York, this vital organization is managed by a Board of Trustees representing local businesses, industries, professions and academic institutions; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Rome College Foundation promotes and enhances the local community's needs for higher educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, With a goal to develop, advocate and offer a wide variety of college programs for all area residents, the Rome College Foundation is committed to serving its community's needs by encouraging and enriching higher education opportunities for local students, building a better workforce for the future; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to its community, the Rome College Foundation has co-sponsored several programs administered by the Chamber's Education Committee including: Sophomore Mentoring Program for students at RFA, RCS, and NYSSD; College Night at RFA; the "Be Cool" substance abuse education program in cooperation with Rome Memorial Hospital for fifth graders; the "Starting Off On The Right Foot" program for college-bound high school graduates; and the traveling art exhibit by elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 50 year history, the Rome College Foundation has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Rome College Foundation is in direct correlation to the efforts of its board members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an

unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Rome College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rome College Foundation on November 4, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rome College Foundation.