

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 which 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 commend the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County has worked to bring people, organizations and resources together to improve community well-being; this vital organization strives to give every person in its community an opportunity to enjoy the highest possible quality of life; and

WHEREAS, In 1917, three separate Buffalo charities came together to raise over \$150,000 in one week to help the people of their community; under the luminous leadership of Ansley Wilcox, the three groups united and formed the Joint Charities Campaign; through the years, more and more charities joined this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, Today, the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County continues to raise significant funds; for its 2015-2017 fundraising season, \$4.1 million was invested into over 100 Buffalo programs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Currently, 35 different agencies and county departments help the needs of 7,500 students with the aid of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have supported the development of this outstanding organization over the years; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the superbly-skilled staff at the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the organization and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens

of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.