

BY: Senator YOUNG

**COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of The
Salamanca Press**

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the people, communities and organizations which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of **The Salamanca Press**; and

WHEREAS, **The Salamanca Press** began on the corner of Washington and Monroe streets in Ellicottville in 1867, and shortly after moved to Little Valley in 1868, before opening a Salamanca branch in 1873; and

WHEREAS, During its early years, **The Salamanca Press** was known as **The Cattaraugus Republican** and printed papers on a weekly basis; eventually it changed to printing daily in 1904; and

WHEREAS, In 1926, the then **Cattaraugus Republican** changed its name to **The Salamanca Republican-Press**, and finally changing its name again in 1981 to **The Salamanca Press**; and

WHEREAS, The founder, Augustine W. Ferrin, started off his career in journalism as the city editor of the Buffalo Express at the young age of 22; he started **The Cattaraugus Republican** after purchasing **The Springville Herald** in 1867; and

WHEREAS, **The Salamanca Press** was originally kept in the family of Augstine W. Ferrin who sold his interest in the company to his brother-in-law, Blanchard B. Weber; and

WHEREAS, Following Blanchard Weber, his son, Matthew, became the editor of the paper in 1902; his son, Latham, followed; the family tradition ended when Weber Austin became the fifth publisher of the paper; and

WHEREAS, The Weber family eventually sold their interest in the company in 1976 to the Bradford Publishing Corporation, who still control it today; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of newspapers large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of **The Salamanca Press**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to **The Salamanca Press.**