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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the Utica-Rome Metropolitan Area Inc.

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the interests of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the Utica-Rome Metropolitan Area Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Since 1920, the League of Women Voters has fought to improve government and engage all Americans in the decisions that impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of the Utica-Rome Metropolitan Area Inc. was formed soon after the New York State League of Women Voters was formed in 1919, holding its first convention at the Hotel Utica on November 18th and 19th of that year; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as the Oneida County League of Women Voters, this vital nonpartisan organization was soon incorporated into smaller groups from the larger cities and towns within the county; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Utica-Rome Metropolitan Area Inc. serves the people of Utica, Rome and Herkimer, as well as the surrounding areas of Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, They run candidates' debates, register voters at naturalization ceremonies, high schools and colleges, conduct civics lessons for high schools, speak to clubs and organizations and bring in speakers for their general meetings on issues of local or regional importance; and

WHEREAS, Effective advocacy has also been an important facet of League activity since its founding as an outgrowth of the women's suffrage movement; today, the organization has a platform of issues on which they advocate, including: State Finances, Natural Resources, Women's Issues, Social Policy, Government, Judicial, Healthcare and Election Law; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the League of Women Voters works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, empowering the public and educating the youth; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to countless women, strong and colorful threads vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have and continue to contribute to the advancement of our culture through their

traditional and non-traditional roles in society; 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 celebrated and recognized 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 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the Utica-Rome Metropolitan Area Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to of the League of Women Voters of the Utica-Rome Metropolitan Area Inc.