

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the United States Women's Curling Association

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those enduring organizations which faithfully devote their resources and purposeful energies to fostering opportunities and contributing to the quality of life for the residents of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the United States Women's Curling Association to be celebrated at an event on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at the Utica Curling Club; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1945, a group of women decided to create the United States Women's Curling Association (USWCA) to promote and conserve the best interests and the true spirit of the game of curling; and

WHEREAS, The USWCA was formed into four regions, East, Central, Wisconsin, and West, and officially became established on November 10, 1947; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, the Utica Curling Club joined the USWCA, and since then, the following members have served in leadership positions: Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary, 1952; Mrs. John Fitzgerald, President, 1954; Mrs. Willis Wilson, Secretary, 1960; Mrs. Robert Hurd, Treasurer, 1962-1963; Ann Burchesky, Treasurer, 1978-1979; Peggy S. Rotten, President, 1993, under her leadership, clubs across the country went on a Friendship Tour to Canada, where they toured the Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island; Sharon Halligan, Secretary, 1993; June Baldorf, Treasurer, 1996; and June Baldof, Treasurer, 1997; since then, many members have served on the USWCA's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, 1961, and 1982, the Utica Curling Club hosted the USWCA's Bonspielin, and is eagerly looking forward to hosting the 75th Anniversary of this historic women's sports club; and

WHEREAS, Today, the oldest curling organization in the United States continues to cultivate friendly relations among its members and their clubs, to promote international friendships, to preserve the tradition and literature of the game and to hold women's curling events each year; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when associations 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 75th Anniversary of the United States Women's Curling Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the United States Women's Curling Association and the Utica Curling Club.