

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 65th Anniversary of R-tronics of Rome, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing economic well-being of the entire 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 65th Anniversary of R-tronics of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission which was established more than six decades ago, R-tronics is committed to meeting or exceeding its customers' expectations through high quality products made to specifications, timely delivery and continuously improving its quality management system; and

WHEREAS, Located on Erie Boulevard East in Rome, New York, R-tronics was established as Rome Electronics when Hank Kroeger and Gene Romano purchased the business, along with Pacemaker Steel; and

WHEREAS, Rome Electronics began as a Univac supplier; by 1958, Gene Romano and Hank Kroeger divided the two businesses as they both required significant time and effort, with Hank remaining in the electronics/tube/kit business in Rome; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, Salina Electronics in Syracuse, New York was purchased as its supply house before eventually merging with R-tronics in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Through the 1980s, electronics started to change, as fewer tubes were needed and offshore production began; however, the Salina location made it through, which was the company's key to surviving these vast changes; and

WHEREAS, In response to these changes, Rome Electronics quickly adapted to U.S. specifications which require certain items to be made within the United States, and R-tronics was established in 1991 with three Tyco "K-Presses" and one customer; and

WHEREAS, Today, R-tronics employs more than 20 employees and works with a list of 20 steady and loyal customers; the business has twice doubled its manufacturing space and added state-of-the-art machines and equipment; and

WHEREAS, R-tronics' Company Quality Policy, established in 2002, has been driving its success for two decades; the company has grown to produce custom cables, test cables and production run cables, as well as electro mechanical assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this exceptional business has recently prepared railroad car replacement repair cables for both Metro North and Long Island Rail Road; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 65-year history, R-tronics has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of R-tronics is in direct correlation to the efforts of its devoted President, Rocco Garro, and its dedicated staff, 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 business and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of R-tronics; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rocco Garro, President, R-tronics, Rome, New York.