

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 75th Anniversary of Runnings

**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 75th Anniversary of Runnings; and

**WHEREAS,** On December 5, 1947, the very first Runnings store was established by Norman "Red" Running in downtown Marshall, Minnesota, as an automotive supply store rooted in selling farm and fleet supplies; and

**WHEREAS,** The Running family owned Runnings until 1988, when a group involving Dennis and Adele Reed purchased the company; the Reeds expanded Runnings into a retail store, selling clothing, footwear, sporting goods, lawn and garden equipment, toys, housewares, tools, pet and animal supplies, and more; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the company's distinguished history, spanning 75 years, Dennis and Adele Reed grew the once-small storefront into an empire of 57 stores in eight states, including Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Montana, New York, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, with over 2,700 employees; they have expanded across New York, opening stores in Canandaigua, Rome and Gloversville; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Runnings is in direct correlation to the efforts of its hardworking and dedicated staff, all of whom are considered integral parts of the success of Runnings; their 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 75th Anniversary of Runnings; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dennis and Adele Reed.