

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 115th Anniversary of Engelbert's Jewelers, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and 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 115th Anniversary of Engelbert's Jewelers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, For 115 years, Engelbert's Jewelers has stayed true to its mantra, "Fine Jewelry at Right Prices"; this trusted jeweler has continually strived to ensure each and every one of their customers is treated to their personal and professional expertise; and

WHEREAS, M.J. Engelbert & Co. was established when Martin J. Engelbert purchased the Singleton Jewelry store at 104 W. Dominick Street in Downtown Rome, New York, on October 4, 1907; shortly thereafter, his brother, Adolph joined the business; and

WHEREAS, In 1931, Clarence M. Engelbert joined his father's firm and in 1959, his son Bruce entered the business; six years later, Bruce's brother David joined in the family-run enterprise; in 1967, the store became incorporated, and the name changed to Engelbert's Jewelers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, the Engelbert family expanded the business and opened a store in the Riverside Mall in Utica, New York; in November of 1987, it moved to its current location in the New Hartford Shopping Center; and

WHEREAS, Today, David Engelbert's daughter Sarah is the fourth generation to run the successful jewelry business; she was the first in her family to earn a Graduate Gemologist degree from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA); and

WHEREAS, For the last 25 years, Engelbert's Jewelers has belonged to the Independent Jewelers Organization (IJO) which only accepts jewelers with the highest ethical standards and superior professional integrity; it is also a IJO certified gem lab because of their consistency of delivering quality gems and jewelry to their customers; and

WHEREAS, Engelbert's Jewelers has specialized in "Ideal Cut" diamonds and have traveled from Antwerp, Belgium to Johannesburg, South Africa to offer their customers the best diamonds available; their jewelry and gift collection has been personally chosen so that they can offer the best quality, style and value; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, 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 115th Anniversary of Engelbert's Jewelers, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Engelbert Rushton, Owner, Engelbert's Jewelers, Inc.