

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING William K. Guglielmo posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 40th Annual Honor America Days Parade in Rome, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend William K. Guglielmo posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 40th Annual Honor America Days Parade in Rome, New York, to be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, This year's parade will honor the legacy of William K. Guglielmo, a man who was devoted to making his community a better place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Led by the 10th Mountain Division Band from Fort Drum, the parade will also include many other bands and musicians as well as other specialty entertainers including the return of the giant puppets from Open Hand Theater in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, After the parade, the celebration will continue with a Pops concert by the Symphoria and a fireworks show; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rome, New York, William K. Guglielmo graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1967; he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Science from the University of Buffalo, and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration from SUNY Morrisville; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" K. Guglielmo began his illustrious career with the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce in February 1973 as a staff assistant; through the years, he worked his way up to Director of Government Affairs & Membership Development, Administrator, and Executive Vice-President, before becoming President in 1996; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Chamber of Commerce, William K. Guglielmo was instrumental in starting and planning the City of Rome's Honor America Days celebration each summer, which will be held from July 28-August 6, 2023, with the theme "40th Anniversary"; and

WHEREAS, As an Honor America Days Celebration Committee member, William K. Guglielmo was committed to making each and every Honor America Days celebration better than the last one; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend William K. Guglielmo posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 40th Annual Honor America Days Parade in Rome, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William K. Guglielmo.