

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mayor Robert Palmieri upon the occasion of his retirement after serving diligently as Mayor of the City of Utica, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals of outstanding purpose whose lives have been committed to public service and the pursuit of excellence in the conduct of the legislative process in this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mayor Robert Palmieri upon the occasion of his retirement after serving diligently as Mayor of the City of Utica, New York, to be recognized at his official send-off celebration on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 72 Tavern & Grill, 400 Oriskany St. W., Utica New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert Palmieri began his illustrious career with the City of Utica in 2011, when he was elected as Mayor; he was heavily involved in public service prior to his election, serving as a member of the Utica Common Council for fourteen years on behalf of his community, as Deputy Public Commissioner in 2004, as Weed and Seed Liaison starting in 2007, and as Deputy Public Safety Commissioner and Codes Commissioner in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Having spent three decades working in the private sector, Robert Palmieri was the Girls' Basketball Coach at Notre Dame High School and a member of several not-for-profit community-based boards; dedicated to his community, he co-founded Cornhill Hoops and was a volunteer basketball official; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Thomas R. Proctor High School and Mohawk Valley Community College, Robert Palmieri has earned recognition from the United States Department of Justice for his achievements as Utica's Weed and Seed Liaison; his street sweeps of the city's neighborhoods resulted in unprecedented levels of cooperation between the police, fire departments, and Codes Enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, As a testament to his hard work, under the leadership of Mayor Robert Palmieri, the City of Utica has witnessed an economic and financial transformation; the development of Nano Utica, Utica Harbor, the arrival of the AHL Utica Comets, and countless downtown initiatives have jumpstarted a positive financial outlook for the city, with million-dollar deficit budgets skyrocketing into a fund balance that currently stands at over 14 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Mayor Robert Palmieri was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, For the past 12 years, Mayor Robert Palmieri rendered

faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the City of Utica, truly earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Mayor Robert Palmieri upon the occasion of his retirement after serving diligently as Mayor of the City of Utica, New York, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor Robert Palmieri.