

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 140th Anniversary of the Fort Schuyler Club of Utica, New York

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding organizations in the State which, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in their communities and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; the Fort Schuyler Club is one such organization; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Fort Schuyler Club of Utica, New York which was celebrated October of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1883, the Fort Schuyler Club has stood as the area's exclusive private city club, fostering a legacy steeped in prestige and tradition; offering a unique ambiance for events, meetings, and leisure activities, the Club has consistently provided its esteemed members and their guests with the highest levels of service and culinary excellence; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for its exquisite chef-prepared cuisine rivaling major city clubs, the Fort Schuyler Club promises a dining experience that caters to the most discerning palates; members and their guests enjoy numerous benefits, including regular events, parties, lectures, personalized service, networking opportunities, professional growth avenues, and an ideal venue for corporate events, philanthropic gatherings, and special occasions; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Schuyler Club offers various membership categories to individuals over the age of 21; categories are based on age and residence, ensuring a tailored experience for each member; with an abundance of amenities, multiple meeting and dining rooms, a billiards and cardroom, and a grand ballroom, the club provides abundant opportunities for personal and professional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of its many years, there have been a host of prominent guest visitors and members, while some held distinguished leadership roles; the first President of the Fort Schuyler Club was Horatio Seymour, former Governor of New York State; following him came Senator Francis Kernan, and then former Assistant Treasurer of the United States, Ellis H. Roberts; a guest of note was the renowned Amelia Earhart who made a stop on a trip from New York City to Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, With a rich and full history spanning well over a century, the Fort Schuyler Club has undergone many updates and changes; the limited capacity of membership has fluctuated, presidents and board management have changed, women were allowed membership in later years of the club, along with which came the addition of a cocktail lounge, and the advents of war, prohibition, and economic fluctuations have also had

varying effects on the club; and

WHEREAS, Despite the inevitable adversities which this institution has faced over its expanse of years in operation, the Fort Schuyler Club stands strong as a cornerstone and historical landmark of its community and beyond, and undoubtedly will serve the residents of the area for many more years to come; and

WHEREAS, As the Fort Schuyler Club celebrates its remarkable 140-year legacy, the launch of its new website stands as a testament to its commitment to progress, excellence, tradition, and hospitality; the website will enable members and non-members to access club information, explore its history, tour the club and rooms, view upcoming events, and more; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Fort Schuyler Club may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the business, social, cultural, and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Board of Management and to Club Manager, Darcy Stevenson.