

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Arnold Galin of Rome, New York upon the occasion of his special recognition for 50 years of service to Rome Community Theater

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Galin has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Arnold Galin of Rome, New York upon the occasion of his special recognition for 50 years of service to Rome Community Theater; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Bronx in New York, New York, Arnold Galin moved to Rome, New York to pursue a career with BOCES in the early 1970s; after attending SUNY Albany, where he developed a love for acting, he aspired to become involved in community theater in the Rome area; and

WHEREAS, Whether he's working backstage, building sets, or learning all different aspects of working with theatrical productions, Arnold Galin has a strong passion for the arts; he started working with Rome Community Theater in the 1970s and started auditioning within a few years and his first part was a small role in "Lion in Winter" in 1975, followed by a larger role in "A Thousand Clowns" in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by Rome Community Theater, Arnold Galin started directing with "Charley's Aunt" in 1978; in addition, he served as the troupe's photographer and grant writer, introduced Rome Community Theater to automated ticketing, and helped bring in money for better curtains and other theater facelifts, including some acting and directing workshops over the years; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about acting and enticed with the idea of "being someone else" while performing, Arnold Galin has either acted in or directed 58 plays for Rome Community Theater; he also served as the Rome Free Academy drama club advisor from 1980 to 2015, directing numerous plays and musicals over the decades; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Galin has joined an exciting new venture to help grow a brand new theater program called the Black Bear Players of View in Old Forge, New York; his new project will be directing "Almost Maine" at the Views Arts Center in Old Forge this spring, with auditions beginning in March; and

WHEREAS, The only art center in the lower Adirondacks that is open year-round, The View Arts Center is the perfect space for the Black Bear

Players to piece together their stage productions; driven by the community and led by Arnold Galin, there is much talent in the Rome area and this project allows like-minded people to come together and enjoy the arts; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Galin has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Arnold Galin has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Arnold Galin has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Arnold Galin of Rome, New York upon the occasion of his special recognition for 50 years of service to Rome Community Theater; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arnold Galin and Rome Community Theater.