

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Benner Insurance Service upon the occasion of achieving 42 years in business

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing economic well-being of 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 congratulate Benner Insurance Service upon the occasion of achieving 42 years in business; and

WHEREAS, Located in Rome, New York, Benner Insurance Service has been a cornerstone of the community, accommodating the needs of its residents, for the last four decades; and

WHEREAS, Owners, John and Alice Benner, have sold personal and commercial insurance to their customers since 1982; they feel rewarded for solving insurance problems for numerous individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, After the closing of another insurance company with which Benner Insurance Service has provided most of their personal insurance policies, John and Alice Benner, both in their 80s this year, decided to retire, selling their business to a company in New Hartford; and

WHEREAS, After taking care of countless insurance customers over the years, Alice Benner looks forward to focusing on her family and caring for her husband; and

WHEREAS, Benner Insurance Service and its owners, John and Alice Benner, have been irreplaceable pillars of the Rome community; they will be greatly missed on the corner of Jasper Street and Erie Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, as well as the residents of the City of Rome, applaud John and Alice Benner for their successful business, which contributed to the growth of the community, and the services they provided for their neighbors' needs; and

WHEREAS, The success of Benner Insurance Service is in direct correlation to the efforts of its hardworking and dedicated owners, John and Alice Benner, who will stand as role models to all great business owners in the State and beyond; their involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all undertakings; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local

and state economies, and its vibrant and purposeful role in improving the quality of life in its community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Benner Insurance Company upon the occasion of achieving 42 years in business and to wish John and Alice Benner joy in their retirement and success in all future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John and Alice Benner, owners of Benner Insurance Service.