

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING William K. Guglielmo upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate William K. Guglielmo upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" K. Guglielmo began his illustrious career with the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce in February 1973 as a staff assistant; during this time, the chamber was located on the second floor of the Niagara Mohawk Building on Liberty Street; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, William K. Guglielmo worked his way up to Director of Government Affairs & Membership Development, Administrator, and Executive Vice-President, before becoming President in 1996, the esteemed position from which he will officially retire; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rome, New York, William K. Guglielmo graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1967; he earned a Bachelor's 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, This extraordinary man dedicated his life's work to making Rome a better place to live, work and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, A true pillar in his community, William K. Guglielmo has been instrumental in the significant advancement of the City of Rome, giving tirelessly of his time and energies to supporting businesses and promoting economic growth for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Through his dedication and tireless efforts, William K. Guglielmo has helped make the City of Rome a place where families want to live, tourists want to visit, and businesses want to locate; his unwavering commitment, willingness and ability to understand and respond to the concerns of the people of Rome, have made a substantial contribution to the betterment of this community; and

WHEREAS, For a half-century, William K. Guglielmo rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce,

earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by William K. Guglielmo over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate William K. Guglielmo upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

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