

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 105th Anniversary of Enjem's  
Flooring America of Utica, New York

**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 commemorate the 105th Anniversary of Enjem's Flooring America of Utica, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Enjem's Flooring America was established by Matilda and Jim Enjem in 1917 at a storefront in Utica, New York; the family now has an additional store in Rome, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A family owned and operated business for the past century, Matilda and Jim Enjem proudly passed the reins of managing the store to their two sons, David, and Joseph Enjem; they continued to grow the flooring segment of the business, helping many local families set the foundations of their homes for the generations to come; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, the two locations are managed by Tony Enjem, who was one of the very first Carpetmax dealers, and his son, Mark Enjem; the Enjem family more recently partnered with Carpetmax, which later became Flooring America; and

**WHEREAS,** Enjem's Flooring America carries a full assortment of flooring products which includes area rugs, vinyl, wood, ceramic, laminate, luxury tile, bamboo, cork, natural stone, and oriental rugs; and

**WHEREAS,** Over its distinguished history spanning nearly a century, Enjem's Flooring America has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; they try to help those in need whenever they can, with a history of donating their services at little or no cost to local charities; and

**WHEREAS,** Enjem's Flooring America has completed notable jobs, including providing flooring for their local NBC affiliate, gaining consumer visibility through news broadcasts, and even during the much-watched 1980 Winter Olympics; the company also aided in the restoration of Utica's historic Stanley Theatre; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Enjem's Flooring America is in direct correlation to the efforts of its hardworking and dedicated staff, all of whom are considered a part of the Enjem family; their involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in

all endeavors on behalf of the business and the community it serves; 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 role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of Enjem's Flooring America; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Enjem's Flooring America.