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COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Southern Tier Magic Circle, Inc., Ring No. 79 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Southern Tier Magic Circle, Inc., Ring No. 79 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Tier Magic Circle, Inc. is organized to bring together individuals interested in the art of magic to advance the quality and quantity of magic performance in the Southern Tier of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The group was originally chartered on March 15, 1949, as the Triple Cities Ring No. 79, and later changed its name to the J.R. McNair Ring No. 79 in honor of a recently deceased charter member of the ring; its 20 charter members were: Perry Jones (President), Norman W. Howard, Charles N. Griffiths, George Barvinchak, Ralph Carroll, John Cebulla, Floyd H. Eilenberger, Samuel Feldman, J. Emery Kelley, Marley Lewis, J. R. McNair, William F. Merz, Charles E. Moss, Joseph E. Poff, Clyde R. Powell, Robert C. Ross, Michael Supa, Frank Tarricone, James C. Tress; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Tier Magic Circle, Inc., Ring No. 79 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians was incorporated as a not-for-profit educational organization under its present name on November 12, 1976, under the direction of then President Michael Gorman; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to its community, Ring No. 79 members have performed many shows to help local schools raise funds, including Vestal, Union Endicott, Susquehanna Valley, Binghamton, and Whitney Point; over the years, the organization has also supported the Earth Day Festival at Broome Community College and other local initiatives by performing magic during their events; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Ring No. 79 hosted the New York Canadian Conclave of Magicians in 1949, 1955, 1961 and 1992, to advance the knowledge and skills of magicians from New York and Canada; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Tier Magic Circle has supported and advanced the careers of many magicians over the years, some of which have gone on to professional careers in magic; former member, Michael Gorman, served

as president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians from 1991-1992; and

WHEREAS, For 75 years, the Southern Tier Magic Circle has been a constant source of magic education, friendship, camaraderie, and support for countless magicians from the Southern Tier of New York; and

WHEREAS, The success of Ring No. 79 of the Southern Tier Magic Circle is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated President Christopher Sablich and members, whose 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Southern Tier Magic Circle, Inc., Ring No. 79 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Sablich, President of the Southern Tier Magic Circle, Inc., Ring No. 79 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.