

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of Carmella's
Cafe in New Hartford, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize illustrious culinary establishments which have positively impacted and substantially contributed to the vitality of 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 40th Anniversary of Carmella's Cafe in New Hartford, New York; this momentous milestone was celebrated with a special ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, April 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Carmella's Cafe, named after owner Mike Ezzo's late wife, Carmella Ezzo, remains a pillar in its community after four decades of excellence in cuisine and hospitality; the restaurant's menus pay homage to Carmella Ezzo, displaying her smiling image on the covers, serving as a reminder of her countless and meaningful contributions to, and love for, the enduring business she helped create; and

WHEREAS, Experiencing much success and loyalty from its patrons since its opening on April 15, 1985, Carmella's Cafe showcases a down-to-earth environment with delicious food, a comfortable bar, and reliable and consistent service; and

WHEREAS, Many of the dishes served at the cafe are adaptations of Carmella Ezzo's family's recipes, thusly upholding important family and cultural traditions and methods, while simultaneously executing delicious Italian cuisine which the cafe has become renowned for; and

WHEREAS, Carmella's Cafe offers homemade marinara, spaghetti, alfredo sauce, and chicken riggie sauce to go along with the delicious handmade pasta that the restaurant has become known for; and

WHEREAS, The remarkable success of Carmella's Cafe is due in large part to its owner, Mike Ezzo, along with his expert and caring staff whose warmth and hospitality is easily recognized by loyal patrons; this dynamic business is well-versed in customer service and truly makes everyone who walks through their door feel like family; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, 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 40th Anniversary of Carmella's Cafe; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Mike Ezzo, owner of Carmella's Cafe in New Hartford, New York.