BY: Senator LARKIN

**COMMENDING** Endico Watercolor Originals upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations and individuals of historic and artistic significance whose creative talents have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Endico Watercolor Originals upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The oldest art studio in Sugar Loaf, New York, Endico Watercolor Originals has welcomed visitors from all over the nation since its inception in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Mary Endico, owner of Endico Watercolor Originals, has sold more than 21,000 of her own original watercolors to multiple generations of customers; currently, her work is showcased in her pre-revolutionary 275-year-old house in Sugar Loaf; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Endico Watercolor Originals upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Endico, Owner, Endico Watercolor Originals.