

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of Rolf's Pork
Store

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and 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 50th Anniversary of Rolf's Pork Store; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Rolf's Pork Store, a meat market on Lexington Avenue in Albany, New York, which is currently owned and operated by Edgar and Glen Eggelhoefer; and

WHEREAS, Purchased by Edgar and Glen's father, Rolf Eggelhoefer, in 1968, the shop's distinguished history spans longer than just five decades; two other families owned and operated the establishment on the same block under different names for a combined 100 years, making it the oldest existing meat market in upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, For many of its loyal customers, Rolf's Pork Store offers a taste of home and a glimpse of a bygone era; a place where they can find tangy German potato salad, wurst of every variety, and a type of ham native to the Black Forest Region called Schwarzwald Schinken; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the shelves are lined with spaetzle and German chocolate and the magazines and newspapers are German; red, yellow and black t-shirts and flags hang from the ceiling, and customers can talk to the butcher face-to-face to discuss the cut of meat they desire; and

WHEREAS, Edgar and Glen Eggelhoefer learned everything they know from watching and working alongside their father, who sold them the store in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Trained as a professional meat-cutting meister in Germany, Rolf Eggelhoefer and his wife, Waltraud, moved to the United States in 1958; the couple landed first in New York City, where he worked at Forest Park Store in Queens for a decade, before moving to Albany and purchasing the market which would become Rolf's Pork Store; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving in the Capital Region, Lexington Avenue was a busy thoroughfare lined with restaurants, bars, hair salons, a bakery shop, groceries, and other businesses; the surrounding neighborhoods were predominately German and Polish, and foot traffic dominated Rolf's business; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Edgar and Glen Eggelhoefer, Rolf's Pork Store makes between 2,000 and 3,000 hot dogs each day;

during the week leading up to Memorial Day, the business sells 700 pounds of hot dogs, 400 pounds of sausages and 800 hamburger patties; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Rolf's Pork Store makes more than 60 products in-house, including hundreds of pounds of bacon and ham in different stages of curing, as well as cold cuts; 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 50th Anniversary of Rolf's Pork Store; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edgar and Glen Eggelhoefer, Rolf's Pork Store, Albany, New York.