

BY: Senator ROBACH

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Laborers'
Local 435

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly acknowledge those organizations whose endeavors serve the best interests of the workforce in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Laborers' Local 435, to be celebrated on June 23, 2018, at the Convention Center, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, History teaches us that in many parts of the world, including our beloved Nation, craftsmen and journeymen in various trades and disciplines united and joined voluntary associations to represent their numbers; and

WHEREAS, Since first receiving its charter on June 20, 1918, Local 435 of Rochester, New York, has helped create and maintain one of the most elaborate highway systems in the state, the "Can of Worms"; and

WHEREAS, Local 435 represents close to 1,000 workers in all phases of construction, and its jurisdiction covers Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates Counties; and

WHEREAS, Steadfastly committed to projects designed to provide the community with electrical power and clean water, Local 435 participated in building the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant in 1967, and the Van Lare Sewage Plant in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Despite working at a near frantic pace, Local 435 members surpassed the rigorous standards of a nuclear project; more than 150 members built the Van Lare wastewater treatment plant, which provides sewage treatment services to the community of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, In addition to promoting infrastructure development in the Rochester area, Local 435 leaders have adopted a proactive approach to resolve the competitive bidding wars frequently seen on big projects; and

WHEREAS, Community volunteer programs, voter registration drives, and the education of potential members through the Rochester Careers in Construction Corps also keep Local 435 members focused on a shared progressive vision; and

WHEREAS, Local 435 is affiliated with the Upstate New York Laborers' District Council, a subsidiary of Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), as well as with the local, state, and national Building Trades, and the local, state, and national AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, This vital union provides construction industry vocational training through a full range of classes at the Union Hall and the Upstate New York Laborers' Training Facility in Oswego; and

WHEREAS, Local 435 also offers continuing education programs for its members who need to maintain their certifications, develop new skills, and stay current with new trends and technologies; and

WHEREAS, Unions have contributed to democracy, the economic vitality of our communities, and the well-being of New York's working families by providing employees with a voice on the job; and

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, Local 435 has contributed to the building of our communities and has fought diligently to better the working and living conditions for those who labor in the proud tradition of their crafts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Laborers' Local 435; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laborers' Local 435, Rochester, New York.