

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** Spressos Coffee House & Eatery upon the occasion of celebrating its 15th Anniversary

**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 commend Spressos Coffee House & Eatery upon the occasion of celebrating its 15th Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** A landmark within its community, Spressos Coffee House & Eatery, located in the Community Bank Building on Griffiss Park in the City of Rome, New York, is one of the area's most well-known and respected restaurants; and

**WHEREAS,** Shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York City, Lorie Guerrieri started the Small Batch Cookie Company, a small home-based business; after about a year, she realized there was no place in Rome to enjoy a good cup of coffee with an equally delicious dessert; and

**WHEREAS,** On May 4, 2005, Lorie and Mario Guerrieri founded Spressos Coffee House & Eatery on James Street in Rome, New York; on October 3, 2007, they opened a second location at 160 Brooks Road; in January of 2011, the original location was closed and the couple focused on their Griffiss Park coffeehouse; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its inception, Spressos Coffee House & Eatery has been serving customers of Rome and the surrounding area with fine foods and handcrafted espresso drinks, made with top-quality, fresh ingredients; they also believe in using natural products which are kind to the environment and truly make their drinks taste better; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to their creative menu, Lorie and Mario Guerrieri offer exceptional, old-fashioned customer service; they always greet each and every customer with a smile, and take the time to learn their names and favorite recipes; and

**WHEREAS,** Spressos Coffee House & Eatery accepts online orders, and offers a special catering service for business and small private events, an in-shop cooler stocked with grab-and-go food items such as sandwiches, yogurts and quarts of soup; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Spressos is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, 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 institution and the community it serves; 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 commend Spressos Coffee House & Eatery upon the occasion of celebrating its 15th Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lorie and Mario Guerrieri, co-Owners, Spressos Coffee House & Eatery.