BY: Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as President of Corning Enterprises

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as President of Corning Enterprises to be celebrated with a Party in his honor on Tuesday, March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. began his illustrious career with Corning Incorporated as Director of Government Affairs in 2000, and became President of Corning Enterprises in 2004; he will officially retire from this revered position on Wednesday, April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of G. Thomas Tranter, Jr., Corning Enterprises remains true to its mission to positively impact the economic, cultural, educational, and social health of the region in and around the Corning area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as President, G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. also serves as Director of Community and Government Affairs, collaborating and working closely with state and local government leaders on a variety of public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Corning Enterprises, G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. served as Chemung County Executive, a position to which he was elected for three four-year terms; before assuming the County Executive post, he served as Deputy County Executive, Horseheads Village Manager, and Executive Director of the Chemung County Chapter of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. serves on the Boards of Elmira College, Corning's Gaffer District, Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Workforce New York, and Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he served as Chairman of Three Rivers Development Corporation and is a past Chairman of the United Way of the Southern Tier's Board of Directors, The Business Council of New York State, and the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes; in addition, he served as co-Chair of the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Elmira College and a Master of Professional Studies degree from

Alfred University; he is also a graduate of Cornell University's Executive Development program; and

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years, President G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Corning Incorporated and Corning Enterprises, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues and peers; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as demonstrated by G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as President of Corning Enterprises; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to G. Thomas Tranter, Jr.