

Senate Resolution No. 3134

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** Joanne Gerace upon the occasion of celebrating her 30th Anniversary of owning Tiny's Grill in Utica, New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize illustrious 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 congratulate Joanne Gerace upon the occasion of celebrating her 30th Anniversary of owning Tiny's Grill in Utica, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Tiny's Grill, since 1931, was originally located on Whitesboro Circle where the Utica Memorial Auditorium stands today; and

**WHEREAS,** Tiny Wolack was the original owner and moved to the State Street address circa 1959, the site of the Oneida Grill; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1990, Joanne Gerace purchased Tiny's Grill and revived this Utica gem; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the years, Tiny's Grill has housed many jazz greats from both local musicians to those all around the globe; in addition, it houses a nutcracker museum; and

**WHEREAS,** Tiny's Grill was also home of the Utica Devils, an ice hockey team of the American Hockey League (AHL), and has been a sponsor/supporter of sports within the Utica community; and

**WHEREAS,** Joanne Gerace has won several awards for her active community involvement; she has served on numerous community boards and is involved in many community events; today, Tiny's Grill, which serves traditional food and drinks, is one of the only original bar and grill establishments still in operation; and

**WHEREAS,** The remarkable success of Tiny's Grill is due in large part to its owner, Joanne Gerace, whose warmth and hospitality are easily recognized by her loyal patrons; this dynamic woman is well-versed in customer service and truly makes everyone who walks through the door feel like family; and

**WHEREAS,** For decades, Tiny's Grill has stood as a beloved establishment which has provided a friendly, open environment for patrons to collectively gather and share their thoughts, ideas and life experiences; 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 congratulate Joanne Gerace upon the occasion of celebrating her 30th Anniversary of owning Tiny's Grill in Utica, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joanne Gerace.