Senate Resolution No. 2017

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING Landmarks Society of Greater Utica upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its State Charter on October 25, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of 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 Landmarks Society of Greater Utica upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its State Charter on Friday, October 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, On October 25, 1974, the State of New York chartered Landmarks Society of Greater Utica as a non-profit educational organization with the purpose of preserving the historic buildings and districts of the Utica community; and

WHEREAS, Characteristic of every significant architectural style, spanning from the early 1800s to the present, Utica has been the epitome of structural diversity, exhibiting the character and aesthetics of the homes and other structures in its neighborhoods and communities and contributing to the economy, culture, and quality of life of the residents; and

WHEREAS, Landmarks Society of Greater Utica's mission is saving the past by protecting the future; the all-volunteer group represents all ages, professions, and walks of life, sharing the same fervor for historic buildings and landmarks; this association of like-minded individuals promotes the rich cultural and architectural history of Utica by enlightening the public sector; and

WHEREAS, Annually, Landmarks Society of Greater Utica celebrates the city's rich history with numerous events, including Springtime Tea and bus tours; the funding for various projects is derived from donations at these affairs; and

WHEREAS, The President of Landmarks Society of Greater Utica, Steve Grant, a lifelong resident of New Hartford, New York, joined the organization in 2008; his passion for local history and desire to preserve it spurred him to unite with his fellow members; a few years later, he was invited to become a Board Member; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers of Landmarks Society of Greater Utica have enthusiastically participated in various projects, including the transformation of Union Station into a regional transportation and municipal center, the conservation and reinstallation of the Swan Memorial Fountain, the reopening of the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric

Center's "Old Main" building as the Records Archive for the New York State Office of Mental Health, the maintenance of the architectural integrity of the Rutger-Steuben Historic District, and the restoration of Rutger Park; and

WHEREAS, The success of Landmarks Society of Greater Utica is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Landmarks Society of Greater Utica and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Landmarks Society of Greater Utica.