

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of Boulevard Diner, a cherished family-owned business committed to excellence, community, and tradition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate businesses that exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit, perseverance, and commitment to community that strengthen the fabric of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Boulevard Diner, a family-owned and operated restaurant that has become a beloved institution in its community; and

WHEREAS, Boulevard Diner first opened its doors on April 19, 1995, the realization of a dream shared by Rich and Roxanne Grimaldi, who-alongside just four employees-poured their hearts and energy into making their vision a success, guided by a simple promise: to give more than 100% effort, every single day; and

WHEREAS, In the decades since, Boulevard Diner has grown to employ over 25 team members, while remaining true to its roots as a welcoming, community-centered establishment known for quality food, warm service, and a strong family presence; and

WHEREAS, Rich and Roxanne's sons, Rich Jr. and Michael, joined the family business early on, working side by side with their parents for more than 20 years before choosing to make the diner their long-term home after college; now, as the next generation takes the reins, the Grimaldi legacy continues with pride and purpose; and

WHEREAS, The building that houses Boulevard Diner sat vacant for more than three years before the Grimaldi family transformed it, investing nearly two months of labor and care to prepare it for opening day; over the past 30 years, the Diner has undergone five major remodels, including a significant expansion in 2019-2020 that added seating, a larger waiting area, new restrooms, and a standout addition-a Bake Shop where guests can purchase fresh, house-made desserts and pastries; and

WHEREAS, The continued evolution and success of Boulevard Diner is a testament to the Grimaldis' unwavering dedication, not only to their craft, but to one another; the diner now supports three families, and continues to thrive thanks to their collective effort and vision; and

WHEREAS, Boulevard Diner is more than just a business, it is a community anchor; with 80% of staff remaining for three to five years or more, and several team members surpassing 10 and even 25 years of service, it reflects a culture of loyalty, pride, and shared success;

and

WHEREAS, The Grimaldi family has consistently shown great pride in their role within the community, and are deeply grateful to the friends, neighbors, and loyal customers who have supported them through three decades of growth and achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Boulevard Diner, to honor the entrepreneurial spirit and multigenerational dedication of the Grimaldi family, and to extend best wishes for continued success in the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Boulevard Diner, Whitesboro, New York.