

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 25th Anniversary of Rosa's Trattoria: Italian Bakery & Deli Restaurant of Utica, New York

**WHEREAS,** The success of this great state of New York is built upon the dedication, spirit, and entrepreneurship of its businesses, specifically those that turned their dreams into reality while upholding family values and tradition; and

**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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Rosa's Trattoria of Utica, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1965, Rosa Yozzo emigrated from Cetara, Italy to Utica, New York with her mother and brothers, where her father Pasquale had already been living and had opened a small store called Pasquale's; and

**WHEREAS,** Owning a business was in Rosa Yozzo's blood, so on June 4, 2000, she and her husband Joe Yozzo decided it was time to make their dream a reality by opening Rosa's Trattoria: Italian Bakery & Deli; and

**WHEREAS,** Rosa's Trattoria: Italian Bakery & Deli is a family owned and operated small business that all started with the simple dream of offering families and friends delicious and authentic Italian meals made with love; ultimately, this dream laid the groundwork for what their deli continues to stand for; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the past 25 years, their menu has stayed true to their roots while evolving to include Rosa's award-winning famous meatballs, their fan-favorite pasta dishes and their unforgettable Italian cookies; and

**WHEREAS,** They see all their menu items as dishes that represent Rosa Yozzo's native town of Cetara, Italy and pay tribute to her parents' store, Pasquale's; and

**WHEREAS,** Rosa's Trattoria: Italian Bakery & Deli ensures that all the people of Utica feel their dedication to its Italian heritage; 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Rosa's Trattoria: Italian Bakery & Deli of Utica, New York, and to offer best wishes to owners, Rosa and Joe Yozzo, for continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rosa and Joe Yozzo.