

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of Oneida
Carpets

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of the entire Empire 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 Oneida Carpets, which was celebrated in February of 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded by United States Air Force Veteran Tony White in 1996, Oneida Carpets has been operating on Madison Street in Oneida, New York, for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Founder Tony White began his career in flooring as an independent carpet installer after being honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in October, 1959, and by 1996 he gained enough skill and determination to open his own business, Oneida Carpets; and

WHEREAS, 30 years after its founding, Oneida Carpets now sells and installs much more than just carpets, including laminate, ceramic, floating LVT, sheet vinyl, vinyl tiles, and hardwood; and

WHEREAS, Since Tony White's death in 2023, Oneida Carpets has been passed down to his sons, Scott and Lynn White, and the family business is now operated by Scott, Lynn, Barbara, and Tara White; and

WHEREAS, The second generation of owners is committed to continuing the legacy and vision of their father, and Scott, Lynn, Barbara, and Tara White still go into the community to do measurements and provide estimates for customers; and

WHEREAS, Oneida Carpets has faced significant hardships throughout its 30 years of operation, including a fire in 2000 that required the business to relocate to its current location on Madison Street, the housing market crash of 2008, and the pandemic in March of 2020; despite these hardships, Oneida Carpets has persevered and remained strong and successful; and

WHEREAS, Oneida Carpets is committed to providing a variety of styles, textures, and colors of flooring to the central New York region, and their services have greatly enhanced the lives and homes of countless New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, The success of Oneida Carpets is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and owners, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled

enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the community; 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 30th Anniversary of Oneida Carpets, which was celebrated in February of 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Oneida Carpets.