Senate Resolution No. 2287

BY: Senator BOTTCHER

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those institutions which substantially contribute to the economic vitality, innovation, and global prominence 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 the 40th Anniversary of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, one of the nation's premier convention and exhibition centers; and

WHEREAS, Opened in 1986, the Javits Center has served for four decades as a nexus of innovation and inspiration, spanning six city blocks on Manhattan's West Side and hosting more than 130 events annually across business, culture, medicine, technology, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, The Javits Center was established pursuant to the New York Convention Center Operating Corporation under the Public Authorities Law, in recognition that a world-class convention center would generate business activity, create employment opportunities, increase public revenue, and promote the orderly redevelopment of Manhattan's West Side; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of its history, the Javits Center has become one of the most active convention centers in the United States, welcoming more than one million visitors through its campus in 2025 alone and generating more than one billion dollars in economic impact for New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Javits Center supports a workforce of more than 3,000 union tradespeople, operations staff, culinary teams, administrators, and event professionals whose dedication reflects the diversity, resilience, and energy of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the Javits Center completed a major expansion project designed to increase efficiency, diversify event capacity, and reduce congestion and emissions through the addition of a state-of-the-art Truck Marshalling Building capable of accommodating nearly 200 trucks; and

WHEREAS, The Javits Center has emerged as a national leader in sustainability and environmental innovation through initiatives including its 6.75-acre green roof, which absorbs approximately seven million gallons of stormwater annually, its installation of more than 2,000 solar panels, and its one-acre rooftop farm, which produced more than 21,500 pounds of crops in the past year; and

WHEREAS, The Center's commitment to environmental stewardship has further transformed the facility into an urban wildlife habitat supporting more than 79 bird species and multiple rooftop beehives,

demonstrating that economic development and sustainability can advance hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, Through its JavitsCares initiative, the Center has demonstrated an enduring commitment to community engagement by donating more than 750 tons of food and materials left behind by exhibitors to organizations serving those in need throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years, the Javits Center has served not only as a convention facility, but as a driver of tourism, commerce, labor, sustainability, and civic pride for the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center and to recognize its enduring contributions to the economic and civic life of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the leadership and staff of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.