

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of Rome Strip  
Steel Company

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those businesses and institutions whose longevity, innovation, and commitment to excellence have enriched the economic vitality and industrial heritage of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rome Strip Steel Company, celebrating a century of service, innovation, and manufacturing leadership since its founding in 1926; and

**WHEREAS,** Rome Strip Steel Company was established in 1926 through the vision and determination of Hazen B. Hinman, Sr., together with Abraham Buol and Logan E. Page, with the support of the Rome Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Rome, New York, who recognized the importance of industrial growth and economic opportunity for their community; and

**WHEREAS,** In July of 1926, the company began its journey with the acquisition of the former Halstead Wire Company property on Henry Street in Rome, where machinery was installed and preparations commenced for the production of strip steel, laying the foundation for a manufacturing enterprise that would endure for a century; and

**WHEREAS,** From its modest beginnings as a producer of low-carbon cold rolled strip steel serving the metal stamping industry of Upstate New York, Rome Strip Steel Company steadily expanded its capabilities, products, and markets through a commitment to quality, innovation, and customer service; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the leadership of the Hinman family, including Hazen B. Hinman, Jr. and A. Buol Hinman, who joined the company during the 1940s, Rome Strip Steel Company developed a reputation for responsiveness to customer needs, versatility in manufacturing, and excellence in specialized steel production; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the course of its history, the company increased its production capacity tenfold, expanded its product offerings to include alloy, high-carbon, low-carbon, and high-strength low-alloy steels, and earned recognition as one of the world's finest producers of close-tolerance cold rolled strip steel; and

**WHEREAS,** Rome Strip Steel Company continually invested in advanced manufacturing technologies, laboratory facilities, quality-control systems, and research initiatives, enabling the company to remain at the forefront of precision steel production and to adapt successfully to changing domestic and global markets; and

**WHEREAS,** Through substantial reinvestment in plant facilities and equipment during the latter decades of the twentieth century and beyond, the company established and maintained some of the most modern cold rolled strip steel mills in the world and became a recognized leader within the specialty steel industry; and

**WHEREAS,** For much of its history, Rome Strip Steel Company's products supported New York State manufacturers and contributed significantly to the industrial strength of communities throughout the State, supplying materials used in office equipment, cash registers, business machines, saw blades, hand tools, measuring devices, musical instruments, and countless other products essential to everyday life and commerce; and

**WHEREAS,** As the company's reach expanded, Rome Strip Steel products were distributed throughout North America and exported to customers across the nation, supporting industries ranging from precision metal stamping and automotive manufacturing to electronics, consumer products, and industrial applications; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout its 100-year history, Rome Strip Steel Company has remained steadfast in its commitment to producing the highest quality products while fostering lasting relationships with customers, suppliers, employees, and the communities it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2015, the company entered a new chapter when it was acquired by Worthington Steel, whose continued investment in facilities, equipment, and operational excellence has strengthened Rome Strip Steel Company's legacy and ensured its continued role as a premier source of high-quality cold rolled strip steel; and

**WHEREAS,** The success and longevity of Rome Strip Steel Company stand as a testament to the dedication, skill, and hard work of generations of employees, managers, executives, and their families, whose collective efforts have sustained the company through periods of economic challenge, technological transformation, and industrial evolution; and

**WHEREAS,** For 100 years, Rome Strip Steel Company has exemplified the entrepreneurial spirit, manufacturing ingenuity, and commitment to excellence that have distinguished New York State as a center of industrial achievement and economic progress; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rome Strip Steel Company and to recognize its century of extraordinary contributions to manufacturing, economic development, technological innovation, and community prosperity in the City of Rome, Oneida County, and throughout the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rome Strip Steel Company.