

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 20, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished businesses which devote their work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 52nd Annual Awards Gala at Samuel's Grande Manor in Williamsville, New York, on Thursday, March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine is receiving this prestigious award for its steadfast and unremitting commitment to the beloved community of Clarence; and

WHEREAS, Polish owner of Morluski's, Jeannine Morlacci, opened the establishment in 2017 in Clarence, New York; in 2020, the opportunity to transform a vacant 150-year-old church into a restaurant where both Polish and Italian authentic dishes are served, unlike any other restaurant in the country, presented itself; and

WHEREAS, Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine is a family-owned business with its roots in Kaisertown, a Buffalo neighborhood; Jeannine Morlacci's Italian father-in-law, Domenico Morlacci, first arrived in the predominantly Polish neighborhood and started his own business; paying homage to her father-in-law, the name Morluski's is a combination of both Italian and Polish heritages; and

WHEREAS, With husband, Domenic, and two sons, Brandon and Randy by her side, Jeannine Morlacci has experienced much success with Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the General Pulaski Association presented Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine with the Polish American Business Owner of the Year Award; for three consecutive years, from 2021-2023, the Taste of Clarence festival bestowed the Silver Spoon Award upon the popular and successful restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine has been committed to quality food and exceptional customer service; its unique flamingo d'Ucor, stained glass windows, authentic church interior, outdoor patio, cozy fireplace, and music bring joy, happiness, and blessings to its patrons who will enjoy the delicious cuisine and

family-friendly atmosphere for years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their communities and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Morluski's Polish & Italian Cuisine.