

Senate Resolution No. 892

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 15th Anniversary of Zeina's Cafe  
of Utica, New York

**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 15th Anniversary of Zeina's Cafe of Utica, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A landmark within its community, Zeina's Cafe has been serving up fresh Mediterranean dishes since opening in April 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** The remarkable success of Zeina's Cafe is due in large part to its lively owners, Albert and Layla Zeina, whose warmth and hospitality are easily recognized by their loyal patrons; this dynamic couple is well-versed in customer service and truly makes everyone who walks through their door feel like family; and

**WHEREAS,** Albert Zeina moved to Utica in 1970 when he was a teenager; he and Layla met when he was on a short visit to Lebanon and she moved to Utica in 1992 and together they started a family; and

**WHEREAS,** For 15 years, Zeina's Cafe has stood as a beloved establishment which has provided a friendly, open environment for patrons to collectively gather and share their thoughts, ideas and life experiences; 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 15th Anniversary of Zeina's Cafe of Utica, New York, and to offer best wishes to Albert and Layla Zeina for continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Albert and Layla Zeina.