

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Stuart N. Lake posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on May 4, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those individuals whose commitment to promoting the richness and diversity of the performing, visual, and literary arts, has contributed to the strength, vitality, and cultural enrichment of their communities and the great 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 honor Stuart N. Lake posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the Capitol Theatre in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2005, The Rome Arts Hall of Fame aligns with their mission to honor individuals who have a strong connection to the Rome community and a significant involvement in the performing, visual, or literary arts; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rome, New York, in 1898, Stuart N. Lake was a writer who focused on the concept and imagery of America's "Old West"; and

WHEREAS, Stuart N. Lake's 1931 biography, "Wyatt Earp: Frontier Marshall," was a best seller and was adapted for several films; his work influenced the television series, "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp" and movies such as "The Westerner," "Powder River," and "Winchester '73"; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work as a writer, Stuart N. Lake was a professional wrestling promoter and a press aide to Theodore Roosevelt during Roosevelt's 1912 election campaign, proving his breadth of skills and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers who are devoted to the preservation and furtherance of the arts while resultantly strengthening the cultural fabric of this great State are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; Stuart N. Lake is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, The arts are the building blocks of civilization, are central to human expression, and inspire the imagination; educational institutions, individuals, and organizations which further such worthy purposes richly merit the recognition and appreciation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Stuart N. Lake posthumously upon the occasion of his induction

into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on May 4, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Stuart N. Lake.