

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Don Cantwell 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 Don Cantwell 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, Don Cantwell, an established and respected musician, possessed teaching credits inclusive of clinics conducted over a period of more than 40 years in clarinet, saxophone, improvisation, and organizing jazz ensembles at national conferences for music educators in Atlantic City, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Living a life of dedication to music, Don Cantwell was also the published author of a clarinet method instruction book, and in 2012, earned a coveted Oneida County Living Legend award; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers who devoted much of their lives 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; Don Cantwell 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 Don Cantwell 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 Don Cantwell.

