

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING John Parker 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 John Parker 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, John Parker is a passionate actor, singer, and longtime theater volunteer who dedicates time on-stage and backstage at various local venues; and

WHEREAS, John Parker spends most of his volunteer time in administrative roles at Rome Community Theater and the Theatre Association of New York State, and he is also a member of the Rome Community Theater Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The leadership and creative vision held by John Parker led him to serve as the Theatre Association of New York State Festival Chair; in this role, John Parker brings theater groups from across New York State to Rome, New York, for an annual conference and performance competition; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with theater organizations, John Parker is a member of several local choral groups, including the St. John and St. Joseph's Church Choirs; 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; Walter Merrick 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 John Parker 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 John Parker.