Assembly Resolution No. 1165

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COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the White Eagle Association of Utica, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have preserved important cultural traditions and have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the 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 commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the White Eagle Association of Utica, New York, to be celebrated at its 75th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1950, the White Eagle Association has been committed to preserving the traditions, language, and cultural identity of those with Polish heritage; and

WHEREAS, With a desire to help members maintain a living connection to their Polish roots, the White Eagle Association is one of the only organizations in its region that still speaks Polish during regular monthly meetings, allowing all members to gain experience with the Polish language; and

WHEREAS, At the core of the White Eagle Association's mission is the commitment to promoting Polish culture and fostering national pride within the local Utica community; and

WHEREAS, Members of the White Eagle Association participate in several events throughout the community to promote Polish heritage, including the annual Polish Flag Raising Ceremony at Utica City Hall, the wreath-laying at the General Casimir Pulaski Monument, and the Polish Days celebrations in Utica and Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the year, the White Eagle Association collaborates closely with the Polish Community Club by helping prepare traditional Polish cuisine for events, organizing monthly meetings, hosting annual picnics, and contributing charitable donations; together, the two organizations are proud to use donations to aid blind children in Poland; and

WHEREAS, The celebratory 75th Anniversary Gala will be a chance for members of the club and community to celebrate the White Eagle Association's strong history and promising future; attendees will enjoy a formal dinner, champagne toast, live music, and remarks from the honored guest, the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in New York; and

WHEREAS, Members of the White Eagle Association and its local

community join in honoring this milestone and recognizing the profound impact the White Eagle Association has had on the cultural landscape of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the White Eagle Association of Utica, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the White Eagle Association.