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Senate Resolution No. 876

**BY: Senator GRIFFO** 

COMMENDING Maria Ringlund upon the occasion of her induction into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on May 7, 2023

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 commend Maria Ringlund upon the occasion of her induction into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at the Capitol Theatre in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Individuals devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; Maria Ringlund is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Maria Ringlund has specialized in portrait photography and photo restoration along with custom graphic layout services, while providing space for local visual artists and crafters to display and sell their creations in The Photo Shoppe Fusion Art and Gift Gallery, truly enriching the lives of her fellow community members by fostering platforms for art to thrive; and

WHEREAS, The arts are the building blocks of civilization; they are central to human expression; they enlighten us 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 commend Maria Ringlund upon the occasion of her induction into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on May 7, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria Ringlund.