

## 2023-J1774

Senate Resolution No. 1774

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 120th Anniversary of Gilroy  
Kernan & Gilroy on February 2, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy (GKG) on Friday, February 2, 2024, in New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to their mission of blending innovative insurance solutions with leading-edge strategies, GKG is a family-owned, independent insurance agency; the firm currently has a staff of over 60 people, represents over 80 insurance carriers, and manages risk in all 50 states and around the world; and

WHEREAS, As a pillar of the local community, GKG was founded in 1904 and is one of Central New York's oldest and largest independent insurance agencies, specializing in personal, commercial, employee benefits, retirement, and risk management; and

WHEREAS, After the tragic loss of Dave Burns, President of The Burns

Agency, GKG acquired the Burns Agency, after having been close to the family for many years; the acquisition became effective on August 18, 2023, and the Burns Agency became a division of the firm; and

WHEREAS, As a testament to GKG's priority of community values, all of the Burns Agency staff were retained and able to remain in their workplace; as an established local employer, the GKG team holds a diverse range of experience, knowledge, and expertise and the Burns Agency staff, now employees of GKG, remain committed to servicing clients and will be exploring opportunities for professional growth at GKG; and

WHEREAS, The success of Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President, Lawrence Gilroy, and its stakeholders, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the company and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy on February 2, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy's President Lawrence (Larry)

Gilroy.