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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Greece Choral Society's 40th Anniversary Concert on May 2, 2010 and paying tribute to Director Ralph Zecchino and Accompanist Sandra Zecchino

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations and individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the education, entertainment and cultural enrichment of their community and 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 Greece Choral Society's 40th Anniversary Concert on May 2, 2010 and to pay tribute to Director Ralph Zecchino and Accompanist Sandra "Sandy" Zecchino in recognition and appreciation of their long and extraordinary service and contributions to and on behalf of the choral society and their community; and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, Ralph and Sandy Zecchino have been warm, wonderful assets to the Town of Greece, New York and have helped fill it with beautiful voices; and

WHEREAS, The Greece Choral Society, a member of the Greece Performing Arts Society, was organized in 1970 under the direction of Ralph Zecchino, a well-known and highly respected music educator, as part of the Greece Central School District's Continuing Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Zecchino has been the Choral Society's Director since day one and, three years later, his wife, Sandy, took over the accompanist's duties and has performed them ably ever since; and

WHEREAS, For this very special couple, the Greece Choral Society is a labor of love and, together, they are actively involved in the extensive and complex behind the scenes work which contributes so significantly to its success and enduring popularity; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Zecchino has, for the past 30 years, also been the Director of the Sanctuary Choir of St. Charles Borromeo Church, where the Greece Choral Society's 40th Anniversary Concert will take place, and Sandra Zecchino is a valued and active member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, In both choirs Ralph Zecchino does far more than direct; he provides anyone with some ability to sing with the opportunity to learn, improve and perform a wide variety of music in venues most people would never have the opportunity to experience, such as the opportunity to perform on stage at the Eastman Theatre, to perform a "live" program with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra on television, to perform with 100 or more members as a choir, to perform a variety of classical works as well as "pops" music, or at "Wegmans Concerts by the Shore"; and

WHEREAS, Under Ralph Zecchino's direction, the members of the Greece Choral Society have also had the opportunity to and have been honored to proudly represent the State of New York performing in Normandy, France at the 50th Anniversary observation marking the end of World War II and to perform at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, perform in Ireland and in Washington, D.C. at St. Matthew's Cathedral where President John F. Kennedy's Requiem Mass took place; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, May 2, 2010, the 100 member Greece Choral Society will perform a very special 40th Anniversary Concert, "Reflections" 40 Years of the Greece Choral Society, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Greece with Guest Soloists Harold McAulliffe and Cindy Miller and the Bach Children's Chorus, and, of course, directed by Ralph Zecchino and accompanied by Sandra Zecchino; and

WHEREAS, As the Greece Choral Society celebrates its 40th Anniversary, its members, leaders and supporters may look back with great pride to its beginnings, taking just repletion in its purposeful growth and tremendous accomplishment as it renews its commitment to service and excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the Greece Choral Society's 40th Anniversary Concert on May 2, 2010 and to pay tribute to Director Ralph Zecchino and Accompanist Sandra Zecchino for quietly, selflessly sharing their talents, out of pure love of music, with the Greece, New York community and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Greece Choral Society and to Ralph and Sandra Zecchino.