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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Utica Symphony Orchestra

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those musical organizations that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of 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 commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Utica Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, On March 25, 1932, a group of interested citizens met at the Utica Public Library and founded the Utica Civic Musical Society, now known as the Utica Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The Society had a large chorus and symphony orchestra, both under the direction of Berrian R. Shute; George M. Weaver, Jr. served as the first president of the Society; and

WHEREAS, In 1933, Nicholas Gualillo and 60 musicians reorganized into the Utica Symphonic Orchestra; two years later, the Utica Civic and the Utica Symphonic merged, and from 1935 to 1940, Shute and Gualillo acted as joint conductors of the new Utica Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, This prominent orchestra remained under the auspices of the Civic Musical Society which has dedicated itself to broadening the circle of concert goers in Utica and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, the name of the organization was changed to Utica Symphony, Inc.; in 2011, the Utica Symphony Orchestra was silenced due to financial constraints; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Symphony is back in action after its hiatus, and is residing in a new home at The Uptown Theatre, which itself is celebrating its 85th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Broadway tunes will be orchestrated and the second half of

each show will include live entertainment; and

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Utica Symphony Orchestra; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Utica Symphony Orchestra.