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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the invention of the Buffalo Wing by The Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those businesses within the State of New York which have positively impacted their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the invention of the Buffalo Wing by The Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The famous Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York, was established in 1935, by Frank and Teresa Bellissimo, skilled cooks who specialized in Italian-American cuisine; they were soon joined in the business by their son, Dominic and his wife, Edith; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 1964, an American culinary tradition was born when the Buffalo Wing was first invented by Teresa Bellissimo at her family's popular restaurant; and

WHEREAS, That night, some friends of her son Dominic came into the restaurant and requested some kind of finger food; Teresa Bellissimo remembered a large shipment of chicken wings that were too large to be used for soup, as was their main use at the time; she decided to deep fry them, toss them in a spicy red sauce recipe and served them with celery sticks and blue cheese dressing; and

WHEREAS, To the Bellissimo family's surprise the chicken wings were a huge success; they soon became the restaurant's main attraction as word spread across Buffalo and the whole State of New York; soon people from across the nation and even the world, were flocking to The Anchor Bar to experience this new sensation; and

WHEREAS, On July 29, 1977, Mayor Makowski of the city of Buffalo

proclaimed a "Chicken Wing Day"; the Anchor Bar had placed their hometown on the culinary map; and

WHEREAS, By the mid-1980s, as the popularity of chicken wings continued to spread, The Anchor Bar started receiving national acclaim; many restaurants across the country soon jumped on the chicken wing bandwagon; Buffalo wings became one of the most popular foods in America; and

WHEREAS, Today, The Anchor Bar uses the same recipe and serves up more than 70,000 pounds of chicken per month; the restaurant now has multiple locations and its bottled wing sauce retails in over 5,000 supermarkets worldwide; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and support the entrepreneurs of small businesses whose dedication and accomplishments contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the invention of the Buffalo Wing by The Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bellissimo family, The Anchor Bar, Buffalo, New York.