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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 35th Anniversary of Gramma Mora's Mexican Restaurant in Buffalo, New York

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Grandma Mora's Mexican Restaurant in Buffalo, New York; and WHEREAS, Over a century ago, the Mora family emigrated from Mexico to the United States bringing with them the warmth of their homeland and a love for their family's traditional recipes; and WHEREAS, In 1980, Charlie and Liz Mora opened their first stand-alone restaurant on Niagara Street in Buffalo, New York, to help Western New Yorkers experience their treasured family recipes which have been handed down through generations; and WHEREAS, Over the years, Gramma Mora's became the subject of numerous glowing articles and tremendous positive word of mouth for its delicious Mexican food and fast, friendly service; and WHEREAS, As its popularity continued to grow, Gramma Mora's expanded its facilities to accommodate the ever increasing number of customers; the restaurant also launched its own line of frozen food specialties which can still be purchased today; and WHEREAS, In July of 1996, Gramma Mora's was struck by a devastating fire which left very little behind; its owners decided to move to Hertel Avenue in the North Buffalo business district where the restaurant was reborn; it quickly becoming a neighborhood favorite, as well as a vital

source of employment for the local community; and WHEREAS, During their illustrious 35 years of restaurant ownership, owners Liz and Charlie Mora raised three children, Charlie, Vincent, the Bar Manager at the restaurant, and Elizabeth; and WHEREAS, Today, Gramma Mora's remains dedicated to preparing food in the same old fashioned way with an emphasis on fresh ingredients and authenticity in a traditional family setting; and WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Gramma Mora's Mexican Restaurant; 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 over the past 35 years; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Gramma Mora's Mexican Restaurant; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Liz and Charlie Mora, Gramma Mora's Mexican Restaurant.