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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Leonard Bus Sales, in Rome, New York, on May 27, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Leonard Bus Sales, in Rome, New York, celebrated with a Customer Appreciation Party, Wednesday, May 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Gerald and Helen Leonard first began distributing school buses in 1965 out of a facility in Hancock, New York; half a century later, Leonard Bus Sales has more than 150 employees spread across six locations in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Today, Leonard Bus Sales continues to be a family-owned company, led by Gerald and Helen's son, Mike Leonard, and managed by a team of experienced transportation professionals, which includes four of their grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Bus Sales is a recognized leader in the distribution and support of quality, environmentally-friendly school and commercial buses; with over 50 years of experience, the Leonard family and staff pride themselves on providing unmatched customer support and fleet management services; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Bus Sales has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for their stellar service, including IC Bus's North American Dealer of the Year, Eastern Region Dealer of the Year, the Pursuit of Excellence Award for 2012, 2013, and 2014, and the Trans Tech Dealer

of the Year Award for 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those businesses within the State of New York which contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Leonard Bus Sales, in Rome, New York, on May 27, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mike Leonard.