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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Get Together, an event sponsored by the South Buffalo Community Table

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Get Together, an event sponsored by the South Buffalo Community Table; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Sister Mary Celeste O'Bryan, the South Buffalo Community Table has been providing food and fellowship to the hungry and less fortunate members of its community for 25 years; the only soup kitchen located in South Buffalo, the organization serves dinner to hungry people seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, During a sabbatical, Sister Mary Celeste O'Bryan volunteered her time and energies at the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen on Main Street in Buffalo; at the same time, she was asked to represent the Sisters of Mercy at the South Buffalo Ecumenical Association meetings and discovered that the organization was exploring the possibility of starting a South Buffalo Soup Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1983, Sister Mary Celeste O'Bryan accepted the esteemed rank of Director of the South Buffalo Community Table (SBCT), presently located at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church; after 33 years of dedicated service, she will officially retire from this position in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, the South Buffalo Community

Table, has grown to be one of South Buffalo's flagship organizations, serving nearly 20,000 meals every year to the homeless and needy in the area; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, the SBCT started the Get Together, a special event meant to create great family fun and support those in need at the same time; with the help of Neil Farrell and numerous helping hands and volunteers, Sister Mary Celeste O'Bryan has been instrumental in making the event a monumental success; and

WHEREAS, Many great bands, such as the Stone Bridge Band, have graciously played at every Get Together event since its inception; and

WHEREAS, The Get Together event allows every person to have a substantial role in the betterment of his or her community, no matter their talents; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals and organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Get Together, an event sponsored by the South Buffalo Community Table; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Mary Celeste O'Bryan, Director, South Buffalo Community Table.