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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Strong-Burns and Sprock Funeral Home

WHEREAS, Businesses which provide outstanding services to residents of the communities of the State of New York are deserving of public recognition and applause for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Strong-Burns and Sprock Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, Strong-Burns and Sprock Funeral Home will mark its 100th Anniversary with the opening of a new location at 7751 Merrick Road in Rome, New York; the brand new facility, the construction of which began 15 months ago, features a state-of-the-art audio-visual system, a large parking lot, and viewing rooms that can be configured to better meet the needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1916 by John J. Strong, Sr., Strong Funeral Home was Rome's first funeral home in a traditional funeral home setting; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the business changing hands in 2013 when it was purchased by J.T. Sprock, Patrick L. Burns and John J. Strong, Jr., were partners in Strong and Burns Funeral Home, a successful business whose service philosophy was to treat every grieving family member like they would have wanted to be addressed in similar situations; and

WHEREAS, While a student at the State University of New York at Canton, J.T. Sprock was hired by Patrick L. Burns to work funerals and calling hours; after graduating, he studied mortuary science, and then continued his education at Utica College, receiving a bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, Each year the business continues to grow, and the footprint of the new property will allow space to install an extremely large park-

ing lot on the southwest side of the building; the new building is on one level, with no ramps or stairs and is fully handicapped accessible; and

WHEREAS, Currently the Strong-Burns and Sprock Funeral Home employs an office manager and six part-time funeral assistants; in the next several months, they plan to add another licensed funeral director position; and

WHEREAS, Businesses, such as Strong-Burns and Sprock Funeral Home, and its owner and employees, exert a strong, positive influence on the communities and businesses they serve and are an essential component of the economy of the Empire State, and of the quality of life of its communities; 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 success it has worked so hard to achieve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Strong-Burns and Sprock Funeral Home; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to J.T. Sprock.