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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of Sorge's Restaurant

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 businesses and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those who work to better their local community and work hard to keep a local tradition alive; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of Sorge's Restaurant, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at The Center, Corning, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will give invited friends, family and community members the opportunity to thank the Sorge Family for continuing this Corning tradition; and

WHEREAS, In 1936, Renato (Ronnie) Sorge and his brother Remo, came to the United States from Italy; 15 years later, on June 5, 1951, Sorge's Restaurant opened its doors to the public on 68 West Market Street in Corning, New York, offering delicious Italian meals prepared by Renato and his wife, Loretta; and

WHEREAS, At the beginning, Sorge's Restaurant was a quaint spot with just 11 booths; the restaurant expanded in 1962 when the adjacent building was purchased, and in 1968, the upstairs of both buildings was converted into a dining room and banquet facility; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Sorge's Restaurant has been passed through multiple generations and it continues to be run as a family business;

and

WHEREAS, On December 27, 2008, Sorge's Restaurant sustained a devastating fire which totally destroyed the building; it was torn down,

leaving only the historic front facade standing; and

WHEREAS, Keeping true to its proud traditions and history which made the restaurant famous, Sorge's Restaurant was rebuilt and back in business in 2010; a major focus of the reconstruction was to preserve and carry forward important pieces of the Sorge Family history, and to blend them into a complete renovation of the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its authentic Italian food, Sorge's Restaurant is also known for setting a Guinness World Record; on June 4, 2011, the restaurant, along with assistance from the Corning community, prepared the longest egg noodle measuring 525 feet and weighing in at 29 pounds, nine ounces; and

WHEREAS, For 65 years, the Sorge Family has been helping the Corning Community in numerous ways including hosting a chicken barbecue at Costa's Airport which generates donations for local organizations, serving as a member of the Corning Chamber of Commerce, helping the community rebuild after the 1972 flood as well as donating food to All Saints Parish; and

WHEREAS, As the Sorge Family celebrates their 65th Anniversary, they look to the future by continuing to service their loyal customers as well as grow new customers to appreciate the same authentic Italian recipes that the Corning community has enjoyed for over six decades; and

WHEREAS, The success of Sorge's Restaurant is possible because of the hard work and vision that started 65 years ago by the Sorge brothers, and which has passed through the generations and onto the generations to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who 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 65th Anniversary of Sorge's Restaurant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sorge Family.