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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Rome Art and Community Center

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary organizations and individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rome Art and Community Center; and WHEREAS, Rome Art and Community Center (RACC), Rome's only multi-arts facility, serves greater Rome and Oneida County, offering both cultural and community programming at little or no cost to the public; RACC welcomes nearly 5,000 visitors annually from all over the United States; and

WHEREAS, RACC is committed to making programming accessible to all-regardless of age, race, economic status, or physical ability; embracing community impact, true to its mission, RACC plays an important role in fostering creativity, cultural awareness, and a strong community connection through a broad range of programming and services; and WHEREAS, This vital organization offers unique opportunities to experience the arts on a very personal level, whether it be through hands-on instruction, a quiet walk through serene gallery space, or even as a part of a large community event; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the Rome Community since 1967, RACC has been impacting the lives of children, teens, and adults every year since its

inception; and

WHEREAS, Looking ahead to a bright future of bringing innovative programs, classes and concepts to the greater Rome area, RACC is truly committed to being a leader in creative children's education and in making the Arts available and accessible to all; and WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 50 year history, the Rome Art and Community Center has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of RACC is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Rome Art and Community Center; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rome Art and Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rome Art and Community Center.