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Senate Resolution No. 295

BY: Senator YOUNG

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of The L.C.
Whitford Company, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations that enhance the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate The L.C. Whitford Company, Inc. on its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, this prestigious organization continues to expand and grow; above all else it remains a well-operated family-owned business, consisting of loyal fourth generation employees; and

WHEREAS, Langford Clinton Whitford started L.C. Whitford in 1916, with a steadfast commitment to innovation, quality and safety; when he passed in 1940, his son Langford Rodman "Rod" Whitford took over until his death in 1969; Rod's son, Chan Whitford, assumed the company's management responsibilities in 1969, and later appointed his son, Brad, as the President, and his other son, Daniel Whitford, as the General Manager of the L.C. Whitford Materials Company; and

WHEREAS, The L.C. Whitford Company, Inc., is a general contracting company that specializes in bridge construction, operating primarily in New York and Pennsylvania, with a second division in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, The L.C. Whitford Company, Inc. has taken several risks that have positively benefited the business and secured them to be an even greater success in their next 100 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, when Hurricane Agnes struck the Wellsville region, many local bridges were washed out from the flooding which caused L.C. Whitford to transition from commercial building to bridge construction; the company built, or rebuilt, more than 1,000 bridges, including the 2,600-foot twin bridges on I-86 near St. Bonaventure in Allegany, and the \$20 million rehab project in Buffalo on the Scajaquada; and

WHEREAS, The L.C. Whitford Company, Inc. has built some of the most majestic buildings in the region, including the David A. Howe Public Library, on Main Street, in Wellsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, several L.C. Whitford employees made a commitment to the company leaving their hometowns in New York to take a risk as the company expanded into Atlanta, prior to the 1996 Olympics; success would follow in Atlanta where the company realized there would be other opportunities in other states; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, what has distinguished L.C. Whitford from others in the same field is they continue to self-perform a majority of

the work including: driving piles, erecting structural steel, manufacturing their own pre-stress components, and fabricating their own reinforcing bars; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those organizations that have achieved notable success in their service to the residents and communities of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The L.C. Whitford Company, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Whitford Family.