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Senate Resolution No. 787

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Ted's Hot Dogs of Buffalo, New York,  
upon the occasion of celebrating its 90th  
Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those small businesses within the State of New York which contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ted's Hot Dogs of Buffalo, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 90th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, A Western New York tradition, Ted's Hot Dogs started with humble beginnings when Greek immigrant, Spiro T. "Ted" Liaros began selling hot dogs out of a shack near the Peace Bridge in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, As business blossomed, Ted Liaros opened up his first hot dog stand at the foot of Massachusetts Avenue under the newly constructed Peace Bridge; due to the business' outstanding popularity, he was able to open a second location on Sheridan Drive in the Town of Tonawanda, which remains a part of the Ted's family today; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Ted's Hot Dogs added new items to the

menu to complement the charcoal broiled hot dogs, handmade onion rings and real milkshakes as Western New Yorkers' love affair with the business grew; and

WHEREAS, While several hot dog stands sprang up in the area, only one captured the hearts and satisfied the appetites of local diners; over the last 90 years, Ted's Hot Dogs has become a tradition for the residents and all who visit Western New York, one that will continue for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Today, Ted's Hot Dogs has become family owned and operated and has grown to nine locations across Western New York, a Charcoal Chariot Food Truck and one location in Tempe, Arizona; his family continues the principles set in 1927 by the founder, Ted Liaros, serving the highest quality food, cooked to order, in a clean and friendly atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses such as Ted's Hot Dogs exert a strong, positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element in the economy of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional small business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ted's Hot Dogs upon the occasion of celebrating its 90th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Ted's Hot Dogs.