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Senate Resolution No. 960

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Buffalo Art Studio

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to individuals and organizations that devote their time and energies to the cultural enrichment of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Buffalo Art Studio; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this auspicious event, the Buffalo Art Studio will be hosting four commemorative events from early March until mid-November; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Art Studio is a not-for-profit organization, which promotes culture by supplying local artists with affordable studio spaces as well as exposure through exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, Located in the Tri-Main Center on Main Street in Buffalo, New York, the Buffalo Art Studio began renting studio spaces to local artists in 1991; currently, the Buffalo Art Studio houses over 30 local artists; and WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of its third Executive Director, Alma Carillo Lopez, the Buffalo Art Studio is focused on increasing the reach of the organization in the local community; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to their community, the Buffalo Art Studio works with other local organizations such as Aspire WNY, a group which represents Western New Yorkers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Buffalo Art Studio has created a program called the Project CREATE Education Program which teaches art to over 300 students; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Buffalo Art Studio remains committed to providing artists with the time and resources to fully explore their creative potential, and continues to expand public awareness and support for their artists by creating opportunities for them to share their work with the community through exhibitions and outreach; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals and organizations whose commitment has contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of their community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly 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 25th Anniversary of the Buffalo Art Studio; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alma Carillo Lopez, Executive Director, Buffalo Art Studio.