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Senate Resolution No. 3165

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMEMORATING the 130th Anniversary of the
Ziegele-Phoenix Building

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to support the preservation and commemoration of historical landmarks which express and preserve the social and cultural origins of this great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the Ziegele-Phoenix Building; and

WHEREAS, The Ziegele-Phoenix Building began as the Ziegele Brewery, one of the pioneering brewing companies in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, After the building was destroyed by fire in 1887, the brewery was rebuilt just one year later at the corner of Washington Street and Virginia Place, and was renamed Phoenix Brewery to signify its extraordinary rise from the ashes; and

WHEREAS, Noted for its electrically powered bottling process, Phoenix Brewery was producing 100,000 barrels of beer per year by 1908; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Brewery closed its doors for good in 1920, due to prohibition; since that time, the building has been used as a gym, skate park, antiques dealer, and Lay-Z-Boy Furniture warehouse; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Sinatra and Company Real Estate announced its plans to redevelop the Phoenix Brewery into a mixed-use building of nearly 3,000 square feet of commercial space and 31 lofts; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to give back to the community, this esteemed company donated significant funds to Say YES Buffalo, an organization developed to strengthen the Western New York economy by investing in the education of Buffalo's future workforce; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2017, the new Phoenix Brewery Apartments won an award for Excellence in Historic Preservation from the Preservation League of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The construction of a building, in its historical perspective, symbolizes the will, the circumstances and the resolve of a people and a community; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Ziegele-Phoenix Building's rich history and enduring contribution to the heritage of the State of New York, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to join in the celebration of its 130th Anniversary so that present and future generations may come to appreciate the unique significance which its history plays in the progression of our State and Nation's evolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the Ziegele-Phoenix Building; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sinatra and Company Real Estate, Buffalo, New York.