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Senate Resolution No. 85

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

CONGRATULATING the Town of Amherst, New York, upon the occasion of being named the best place to live in New York by Money magazine

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate those distinguished communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The United States is filled with incredible towns, each with its own set of credentials and clout to attract visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Town of Amherst, New York, upon the occasion of being named the best place to live in New York by Money magazine; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Money magazine compiles lists of the 50 best places to live in the United States, however, this year, the magazine decided to create a list which would include one location from every state in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Of the 50 communities with populations of 50,000 or more ranked for quality-of-life in the United States, the Town of Amherst was rated number one; in addition to this prestigious honor, the Town was at

the top of the list of safest cities in America in the 1990s and 2000s;
and

WHEREAS, The highest scores went to well-rounded communities, with low crime rates, high median household incomes and ethnic diversity, educational levels, cost of living, the local economy, housing, amenities, commute times and other factors; and

WHEREAS, Created by the State of New York on April 10, 1818, the Town of Amherst is located in Erie County; it is the most populated town in upstate New York, and an inner ring suburb of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Amherst has a population of 126,096, median household income of \$74,631, and median list price for a home is \$270,000; and

WHEREAS, Called a "hub for students" with "plenty of history," Amherst is comprised of several colleges including the University of Buffalo, Daemen College, Erie Community College's North Campus, and Bryant and Stratton College; it is close to both the city of Buffalo and Canada, and is the home to many historical venues such as Veterans Memorial at Amherst State Park and the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, a 3.5-acre open air museum known for its collection of objects which trace back before the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Supervisor Brian Kulpa, the residents of the Town of Amherst have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of

growth and change, the Town of Amherst continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Town of Amherst, New York, upon the occasion of being named the best place to live in New York by Money magazine, and to enthusiastically salute its residents as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian Kulpa, Supervisor, Town of Amherst.