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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joanne Gerace of Tiny's State Street Grill in Utica, New York, upon the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of her ownership, May 13, 2010

WHEREAS, Organizations and individuals which serve the economic well-being and interests of the people of this great Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joanne Gerace of Tiny's State Street Grill in Utica, New York, upon the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of her ownership; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at an anniversary celebration attended by local officials who presented several commemorative plaques and proclamations; and

WHEREAS, The original Tiny's State Street Grill in Utica, New York, was founded more than 70 years ago on Whitesboro Circle by Ed "Tiny" Wolack; it moved to its current location in 1962, where it is most recognizable by the statues of the Blues Brothers that grace its awnings; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Tiny's State Street Grill was purchased by its current owner, Joanne Gerace; she previously worked as the general manager of the Utica Blue Sox baseball team; and

WHEREAS, During her ownership of Tiny's State Street Grill, Joanne Gerace has made various improvements to the building but made sure to maintain the original atmosphere and traditions, including the restaurant's famous kielbasa and hot pepper sandwiches and jazz performances; and

WHEREAS, Tiny's State Street Grill, a neighborhood establishment with enormous staying power, is ingrained in the Utica community and culture;

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WHEREAS, Both Joanne Gerace and Tiny's State Street Grill have a proud tradition of involvement with the City of Utica; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Joanne Gerace and Tiny's State Street Grill in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when business organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Joanne Gerace of Tiny's State Street Grill in Utica, New York, upon the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of her ownership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joanne Gerace, Tiny's State Street Grill, Utica, New York.