

## 2011-K873

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Westcott Florist

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those businesses and individuals who are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those who work to better their local community and work hard to keep a local tradition alive; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Westcott Florist; and

WHEREAS, A family-owned and operated business, Westcott Florist has served the Syracuse community since 1961, when Dino Centra, Sr. and his late wife, Rita, opened the shop in the Westcott neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 50 years in business, Westcott Florist has woven itself into the cultural and diverse Westcott business district; and

WHEREAS, After five decades of dedicated service to its community, Westcott Florist has helped community members recognize both happy and sad occasions with floral arrangements and gifts to its loyal customers; and

WHEREAS, Since 1961, Westcott Florist has stayed current with changing times in order to satisfy the needs and desires of their customers, and continues to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Westcott Florist has expanded from a small storefront to occupy the entire building at 548 Westcott Street, now

including the first and second floors; and

WHEREAS, Dino Centra, Sr. and his wife raised two sons, Dino, Jr., who has worked with his father at Westcott Florist for 38 years, and John, who is currently a Justice of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court; today, Dino, Sr. is the loving grandfather of seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when a business of such noble aims and enviable accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Westcott Florist; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Westcott Florist owners, Dino Centra, Sr. and Dino Centra, Jr.