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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire 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 50th Anniversary of Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Hall of Fame Wrestler, Ilio DiPaolo opened the doors to a Western New York tradition and one of the most popular dining spots in the area; and

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant is located on South Park Avenue in Blasdell, New York, just ten minutes from Downtown Buffalo, HarborCenter and Ralph Wilson Stadium; and

WHEREAS, After five decades in business, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant continues to delight customers with Old-World Italian recipes, warm family atmosphere and friendly service; open for lunch or dinner, Ilio's features authentic Italian favorites topped with its famous House Sauce, grilled to perfection steaks, fresh cut veal and delicious seafood dishes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its extensive lunch and dinner menus, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant offers daily specials, as well as a gluten-free menu and vegetarian options for those with special dietary requirements; and

WHEREAS, After 50 years, Brothers Dennis and Michael DiPaolo continue to carry on their father's tradition of serving excellent food at reasonable prices; customers can dine in the ambience of Tuscany with

hand-painted murals of Ilio DiPaolo's hometown of Introdacqua, Italy, and decor that celebrates his pro wrestling career as well as stories from the past and celebrity photos; and

WHEREAS, Under the culinary expertise of Chef Michael DiPaolo, a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, New York, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant is the recipient of the Golden Fork Award and Best Italian Food Award by Citysearch; and

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant also offers an outdoor courtyard, and ringside lounge which features an extensive martini selection and wine list; its entire menu is available for take-out in the Al Casa Italian Market, and events are made special with private banquet facilities for up to 400 people in five beautiful locations; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community it so ably serves, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant is a member of the New York State Restaurant Association, The WNY Chapter of the New York State Restaurant Association and the F.I.R.S.T. organization; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant and Ringside Lounge; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant.