

## 2015-J513

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria of Utica, New York, to be celebrated August 7, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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, This Legislative Body is proud to honor and pay just tribute to those who work to better their local community and work hard to keep a local tradition alive; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria of Utica, New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, August 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Eugeno Burlino emigrated from an area around Naples, Italy, to East Utica in the late 1800s, where he worked as a pastry chef; however, to supplement his income, he also attended the frequent feasts held in the predominately Italian area and sold simple pies made by his wife: dough, sauce and Romano cheese, or olive oil and anchovy, today we call it tomato pie; and

WHEREAS, While at the feasts, Eugeno Burlino would carry around a big pan, and people would call out, 'Hey, scugnizzi', which meant 'street urchin' in Italian which translated to O'scugnizzo; and

WHEREAS, In 1914, Eugeno Burlino opened a little shop to sell pizzas and named it O'Scugnizzo; since its humble beginnings, each generation has added its own contributions to O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria, keeping the business successful for the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, When Eugeno Burlino died in 1958, his son, Angelo "Chops" Burlino took over, and after a couple of years, moved O'Scugnizzo Pizze-

ria to its current location at 614 Bleecker Street, Utica, New York, and expanded the menu to offer sandwiches as well as salads; and WHEREAS, Today, Angelo "Chops" Burlino's sons, Steven and Mike, are the present owners and operators; they expanded into offering licensing agreements where the business would carry the O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria name and receive the main ingredients from headquarters to offer the same delicious O'Scugnizzo Pizza; in the past decade, Mike's son suggested bottling the pizza sauce and selling pizzas over the internet to Utica natives who have relocated, a move which has proved to be immensely successful; and

WHEREAS, Some call it the upside down pizza, the pizza with the sauce on top, the Burlino family calls it O'Scugnizzo style pizza; after 100 years, the original recipe is still being used with the exact same ingredients; and

WHEREAS, The Burlino family believes the key to O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria's success is hard work, determination, maintaining the consistency of the product and always remain true to the family roots; and

WHEREAS, As the Burlino family celebrates the pizzeria's 100th Anniversary, it looks to the future by planning to introduce new products and to continue to serve their loyal customers who continue to visit and support O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria; and

WHEREAS, The success of O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria is possible due to the hard work and vision which started 100 years ago by Eugeno Burlino and passed through the generations and onto the generations to come; the business continues to maintain the promise made by Eugeno a century ago, delivering the highest quality, most consistent product to its customers every day and every time; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria's contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the sparkling success it has enjoyed thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria of Utica, New York, to be celebrated August 7, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Burlino family.