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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lloyd Taco Truck of Buffalo, New York, upon the occasion of winning the CNBC Restaurant Startup Competition

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and support the entrepreneurs of small businesses whose dedication and accomplishments contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lloyd Taco Truck of Buffalo, New York, upon the occasion of winning the CNBC Restaurant Startup Competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is also proud to commend Peter Cimino and Chris Dorsaneo, two friends who founded Lloyd Taco Truck four years ago, for their enduring entrepreneurial spirit which has spurred an entire industry in the City of Buffalo; Lloyd Taco Truck was the first food truck company to service the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Since then, this pioneering small business has become well-known for its high-quality food, locally-sourced menu, and affordable street-level prices; it now operates four food trucks in the Buffalo area and employs 35 people; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Taco Truck's success has helped create a flourishing food truck industry in Buffalo, with the local festival known as "Food Truck Tuesday" attracting up to 30 food truck vendors and 6,000 people weekly in Larkin Square; and

WHEREAS, At the CNBC Restaurant Startup Competition, Lloyd Taco Truck chefs competed against 20 fellow culinary entrepreneurs in a series of challenges, from learning how to make fresh tortillas in 36 hours, to running a restaurant on Melrose Avenue in West Hollywood; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Taco Truck was victorious in the overall competition, capturing first place honors and an investment prize from two nationally-known restaurant investors; and

WHEREAS, With the funding, Lloyd Taco Truck plans to further contribute to the economic prosperity of the City of Buffalo by opening a brick-and-mortar restaurant on Hertel Avenue, featuring classic menu options as well as a full service bar; 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 success it has enjoyed thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Lloyd Taco Truck of Buffalo, New York, upon the occasion of winning the CNBC Restaurant Startup Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter Cimino and Chris Dorsaneo, Founders, Lloyd Taco Truck of Buffalo, New York.