

## 2015-J2663

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Ristorante Lombardo in Buffalo, New York

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 40th Anniversary of Ristorante Lombardo in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1975, Thomas J. Lombardo Sr. and Thomas Lombardo Jr. purchased a former pizza factory, and opened the doors of a new restaurant then known simply as Lombardo's; and

WHEREAS, Using Mother Rose's outstanding recipes, and Thomas J. Lombardo Sr.'s expertise behind the bar, Lombardo's quickly became established as the place for such great Italian-American fare as hand-made manicotti, spaghetti with meatballs, and steak and dandelion sandwiches; and

WHEREAS, As this remarkable restaurant grew and expanded, Thomas J. Lombardo Jr. followed his vision of creating a fine dining destination; he conducted an extensive remodeling, and later added one of Buffalo's most beautiful and secluded patios; and

WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Thomas J. Lombardo Jr. and his wife, Donna, began what would become a lifetime of regular trips to Italy, finding inspiration that has spurred the evolution of Ristorante Lombardo into the fine neighborhood restaurant it is today; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Tom Jr.'s youngest son, Thomas D., returned home to his family's restaurant after a decade of working in New York City to

serve as Beverage Director and General Manager; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Ristorante Lombardo, its owners and staff have been very active in the Western New York community working with various charities and organizations to strengthen the region and the communities with such events as Dining Out for Life and Hospice's 'A Dinner to Remember'; and

WHEREAS, Today, Ristorante Lombardo is constantly evolving as it strives to provide the best possible dining expertise for its guests while remaining authentic in its cuisine and true to its long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Ristorante Lombardo; 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 over the past four decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Ristorante Lombardo in Buffalo, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ristorante Lombardo.