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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Kleinhans Music Hall on October 12, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those cultural institutions and organizations whose commitment to promoting the richness and diversity of the arts and entertainment world has contributed to the strength, vitality, and cultural enrichment of their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body takes great pleasure in commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Kleinhans Music Hall on Monday, October 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1989, Kleinhans Music Hall has a reputation for being one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls in the World; orchestra musicians, conductors, and soloists enjoy performing at this vital institution; and

WHEREAS, Kleinhans Music Hall was built through the generosity and vision of Edward and Mary Seaton Kleinhans, and the stewardship of their charitable organization, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Kleinhans Music Hall was designed by the famous Finnish father and son team of Eliel and Eero Saarinen, along with architects F.J. and W.A. Kidd; the Hall is known for its combination of graceful structural beauty and extraordinary acoustics; and

WHEREAS, The intricate design of Kleinhans Music Hall resembles the body of a string instrument, as does the main auditorium; in addition, there are three notable rooms within the hall, the Main Auditorium, Livingston Hall, and the Mary Seaton Room; and

WHEREAS, On October 12, 1940, Kleinhans Music Hall officially opened

its doors to the public, featuring the Buffalo Philharmonic, conducted by Franco Autori; and

WHEREAS, The arts are the building blocks of civilization; they are central to human expression; they enlighten us and inspire the imagination; educational institutions, individuals, and organizations which further such worthy purposes richly merit the recognition and appreciation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of Chair of the Board of Directors, Chris Brown, Kleinhans Music Hall continues to host the best of classical, pops, and rock concerts, as well as countless graduations, proms, recitals, weddings, parties and corporate events; it is not only the epicenter of Western New York's classical music scene, but a true community center; and

WHEREAS, As Kleinhans Music Hall looks back with great pride to its beginnings, viewing, with just satisfaction, its successful evolution, it renews both its dedication to supporting artistic excellence, and its commitment to the community it has served since 1940, expressing its appreciation to all those who have helped to sustain and enhance it over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Kleinhans Music Hall on October 12, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chris Brown, Chair of the Board of Directors, Kleinhans Music Hall.