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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Parkway Drugs, Utica, New York, to be celebrated on December 2, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and the health of its citizenry; 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 Parkway Drugs, Utica, New York, to be celebrated on Wednesday, December 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Parkway Drugs was founded on November 3, 1965, when two high school friends, Rocco Femia, Sr. and Anthony Chiffy, Sr., opened their first store on the corner of Culver Avenue and Albany Street in Utica, New York, after obtaining their degrees from the Albany College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Through tremendous hard work and a dedication to customer service the two founders, who later became brothers-in-law, opened their second store in the Chanatrys Plaza in 1989, followed by their third store in 2008, located in the Big Lots Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, Parkway Drugs and its professional staff have proudly served the Utica community, becoming a place where employees take the time to talk to customers and know many of them on a first name basis; and

WHEREAS, Today, this vital locally owned and operated business fills nearly 10,000 prescriptions a week, and employs approximately 145 employees, including three generations of Femia and Chiffy family members who have also chosen to become pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to its community, Parkway Drugs will continue to add to the economic well-being and physical health of Utica area residents for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Small business owners exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit which has fueled our State and Nation since their founding; 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 Parkway Drugs; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Parkway Drugs, Utica, New York.