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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Building Material Teamsters Local 282 in Lake Success, New York, on January 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly acknowledge those organizations whose endeavors serve the best interests of the workforce in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Labor unions, through the integrity and dedication of their leadership, have assumed an essential and integral role in ensuring the welfare, safety and economic stability of the workers of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Building Material Teamsters Local 282 in Lake Success, New York, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala & Scholarship Fund Dinner, on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, Building Material Teamsters Local 282, based in New York City and Long Island, has provided both union representation and fund benefits to a wide range of industry workers since its Charter was signed on November 22, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Building Material Teamsters Local 282 represents a wide-range of proficient and skillful workers including flatbed trailer drivers, dump trailer drivers, 10 wheeler dump truck drivers, forklift operators, dock men, and concrete inspectors, as well as concrete truck drivers who haul such materials as dirt, gravel, cement, plumbing supplies and lumber; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President Thomas Gesualdi, the hardworking men and women of Building Material Teamsters Local 282

have worked on various projects from the Empire State Building to the World Trade Center and the new Freedom Tower; this powerful organization was a major presence at Ground Zero and helped repair the neighborhoods and beaches of New York City and Long Island after Hurricane Sandy; and WHEREAS, Members of Building Material Teamsters Local 282 have helped build New York City and its presence can be seen every day throughout the five boroughs of New York and Long Island; and

WHEREAS, History teaches us that in many parts of the world, including our beloved Nation, craftsmen and journeymen in various trades and disciplines united and joined voluntary associations to represent their numbers; and

WHEREAS, Unions have contributed to democracy, the economic vitality of our communities, and the well-being of New York's working families by providing employees with a voice on the job; and

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, Building Material Teamsters Local 282 has contributed to the building of our communities and has fought diligently to better the working and living conditions for those who labor in the proud tradition of their crafts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Building Material Teamsters Local 282 in Lake Success, New York, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling success which has so characterized its past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Gesualdi, President, Building Material Teamsters Local 282.