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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Tri-Main Center

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 25th Anniversary of the Tri-Main Center in Buffalo, New York;

WHEREAS, Tri-Main Center is one of Buffalo's leading mixed-use office, studio and light industrial facilities; organized in the early 1990s by visionary partners looking for an adaptable incubator for all types of businesses and organizations such as photography, design companies, small manufacturing firms, and arts groups, it has grown to become a genuine catalyst between culture and development in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, the 650,000-square-foot Tri-Main Center building was constructed as a manufacturing center for Model T Fords, a thriving business in Buffalo through the early 1930s; later, its workers manufactured Trico-brand windshield wipers, and during World War II, the factory produced America's first jets; and

WHEREAS, After several decades of various industrial uses and a period of decline, Tri-Main Center has become the first large-scale rehabilitation of a vacant industrial complex, and has been at the forefront of the Buffalo resurgence; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President, Matt Wolfe, Tri-Main Center's tenants enjoy an environment which preserves the building's unique history and architecture while providing the opportunity to create a space fitting their specific business needs; its occu-

pants represent over 80 entities, including architecture firms, artists, galleries, educational institutions, health care, human services, and manufacturers, representing a unique blend of creativity and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, For 25 years, the continued presence of Buffalo Arts Studio as an anchor tenant has been a testament to the importance of the arts as a vibrant stimulus for broader economic development in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Arts Studio is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the redeveloped space with a trio of exhibitions reflecting on the former Ford and Trico plant's rich history and capturing the elegance and simplicity of architect Albert Kahn's steel design; 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 commend the Tri-Main Center upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matt Wolfe, President, Tri-Main Center.