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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the historic Hotel Syracuse with the commemoration of its restoration

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the preservation of historical landmarks that served to enhance the growth of this great State, ensuring that the complete history of our State and Nation is shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the historic Hotel Syracuse with the commemoration of its restoration; and

WHEREAS, In spring of 2016, the newly renovated Hotel Syracuse will once again be open for business; the hotel features 260 guest rooms, three ballrooms, and a bar and separate restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2014, Syracuse, New York, native and hotel consultant Ed Riley took over ownership of the iconic Hotel Syracuse; as a former employee of Pyramid Hotel Group in Boston, Massachusetts, he has overseen the restoration of historic properties across the country, including the 1920s-era Fairfax on Embassy Row in Washington, D.C., the Frank Lloyd Wright-influenced Arizona Biltmore and the historic Claremont Hotel on the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, With his vast hotel experience, Ed Riley has completed, renovated and updated guest rooms, and restored many of the iconic original details throughout Hotel Syracuse's grand lobby, ballrooms and hotel corridors to its 1920s splendor; and

WHEREAS, In addition, a 1980s brick addition that attached the hotel to another building on East Onondaga Street was removed and the hotel's third ballroom also underwent a complete transformation; and

WHEREAS, Designed by noted Architect, George B. Post & Sons, Hotel Syracuse was built between 1922-1924; in August of 1924, the hotel opened its doors to the public for the first time, offering its guests 600 small rooms to stay in; and

WHEREAS, After closing as a hotel in 2003, the venue continued to host catering events until 2009; in 2008, the magnificent venue was added to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the historic Hotel Syracuse, and for all of the individuals who have worked to bring proper attention to a place and time which merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the historic Hotel Syracuse with the commemoration of its restoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ed Riley, Owner, Hotel Syracuse.