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NYS SENATOR JEREMY COONEY ANNOUNCES MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING FOR ROBACH CENTER RENOVATIONS

(ROCHESTER, NY) - Today, Senator Jeremy Cooney (D-Rochester) announced \$550,000 in New York State funding for renovations at the Roger Robach Community Center. Sen. Cooney was joined by County Executive Adam Bello and other community leaders to celebrate the long overdue updates to the venue which has hosted a range of events for residents since its opening in 1931.

The project will include the addition of an air conditioning system in the second floor event space, and renovations to the facility's restrooms which will also make them ADA compliant.

The Roger Robach Community Center, named for the late Assemblymember, is a multi-purpose community facility located at the west end of Ontario Beach Park. The community center is a frequent host of weddings, picnics, and parties. Monroe County operates the facility.

Senator Jeremy Cooney:

"Our community is fortunate to have so many beautiful outdoor spaces for our families to gather and celebrate, including Ontario Beach Park. I am thrilled to be able to deliver funding that will allow Monroe County to make much needed upgrades to the Robach Community Center. I look forward to many more years of building community in the new and improved venue."

Assemblywoman Sarah Clark:

"I was thrilled to join Senator Cooney, County Executive Bello and our partners in county and city government, along with Charlotte community leaders to announce funding for repairs and improvements to the Roger Robach Community Center. The combined \$815,000 from the Senate, Assembly and Monroe county will ensure drastically needed upgrades to this beloved site in our region can happen, allowing for continued community enjoyment for generations to come. This is how all levels of government should work; together."

County Executive Adam Bello:

"The Roger Robach Community Center is a county waterfront gem enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year. It's important that our residents have a positive experience when they visit all of our facilities in the Monroe County Parks system. Thanks to Sen. Jeremy Cooney, the funding he secured will go a long way towards a newly renovated Roger Robach Community Center."

Sue Roethel, *President, Charlotte Community Association:*

"We are grateful to Senator Cooney for securing the funds to restore this beloved community landmark. The Robach Center is a central part of the Charlotte community and is an important asset for the City, County and Greater Rochester community. Restoring this building has been a high priority for a number of years, and we are thrilled to see New York State investing in its revival".

Jonathan Hardin, Treasurer, Charlotte Business Association:

"Thank you Senator Cooney for delivering funding to renovate the Robach Center. Businesses throughout the Charlotte neighborhood will benefit from the restoration of this central gathering place".