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LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2015 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 17th day of September, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *Herbert "Herb" Darling and Jane Keese met at their respective colleges, Dartmouth and Colby Sawyer in 1954, and were married in Darien, Connecticut in 1956; and*

WHEREAS, *Herb and Jane Darling moved to Buffalo in 1957, where Herb joined the family business as general superintendent of Herbert F. Darling Inc., Engineering Contractors, Williamsville, NY, and where nine years later he assumed the presidency upon the untimely death of his father; and*

WHEREAS, *Herb Darling retired in 2003, where his son Buck and their son-in-law Tom Weaver have taken the company into the third generation ownership; and*

WHEREAS, *Herb Darling has served on many boards: the Bank of New York, Gateway-Longview, Beechwood Continuing Care, and most notably The Buffalo Museum of Science and Tiff Nature Preserve; and*

WHEREAS, *Herb Darling was the driving force in establishing the New York State Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and will be honored in October by Syracuse University's School of Environmental Science and Forestry; and*

WHEREAS, *Jane Darling stayed home to raise their three children, Buck, Karen and Kathy, and where she volunteered at Children's Hospital, The Junior League Thrift Shop, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Women's Board and Beechwood Continuing Care Facility as a patient representative; and*

WHEREAS, *Jane Darling is currently involved with the PEO Sisterhood, a philanthropic education organization that provides grants, scholarships and loans for women continuing or advancing their education; and*

WHEREAS, *Herb and Jane Darling are fifty-year members of Christ United Methodist Church, where they taught Sunday school and served on several commissions; and*

WHEREAS, *Herb and Jane Darling were honored on September 10, 2015, by Tift Nature Preserve for their lifetime support of Buffalo's distinctive ecological treasure; and*

WHEREAS, *Tift Nature Preserve is dedicating a portion of the building in their honor and renaming it the Herb and Jane Darling Environmental Education Center; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge*

HERBERT AND JANE DARLING

for their lifetime support of Buffalo's distinctive ecological treasure and all things natural, ecological, and environmental.

Edward A. Rath, III
Erie County Legislator, 6th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature