

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 1, 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 1st day of October, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant, Ringside Lounge and Banquet Facility has served generations of satisfied diners, entertained out of town guests, and been a favorite among regulars for five decades; and

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's was first opened in 1965 by Hall of Fame wrestler Ilio DiPaolo as a pizzeria at 3785 South Park Avenue in the Village of Blasdell, where it remains today, managed by DiPaolo's son, Dennis; and

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's is well known for great food, excellent service and a welcoming atmosphere, drawing diners for lunch and dinner, in addition to the specialty holiday brunches and highly rated banquets for all occasions; and

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's history has many stories of success, but also includes the tragic passing of founder, Ilio DiPaolo, in a 1995 car accident - although lost too early, his influence is seen every day in the outstanding operation of this famous restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's has been celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout 2015 with various events, including Ilio's Celebrity Chef Dinner on Oct. 12 to benefit Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, Ilio DiPaolo's great history and bright future is celebrated by the Western New York community, which is very proud that Ilio DiPaolo, who often stated that the people in WNY were the best he had encountered throughout his travels worldwide, chose Buffalo as home for his family and amazing restaurant 50 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to celebrate Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant, Ringside Lounge and Banquet Facility's 50th anniversary and wish the entire DiPaolo family many years of continued success and great food.

John J. Mills
Chairman, Erie County Legislator-11th District

Lynne M. Dixon
Erie County Legislator – 9th District

Karen McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature