

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 20, 2020 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 20th day of February, 2020 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *The Erie County Legislature commemorates and recognizes certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great county; and*

WHEREAS, *Gerald "Red" Owens and Bill Kotansky opened O.K. Bike Shop in the 1960's on 30 Vanderberg Avenue in Lancaster after they bought out the other area bike stores to use for parts; and*

WHEREAS, *O.K Bike Shop was the only store in town to repair bikes and everyone in town knew them as being the place to bring their bikes to get them fixed at a reasonable price; and*

WHEREAS, *O.K. Bike Shop was a place for the neighborhood kids to grab a candy bar or pop on their way to Keysa Park as they passed by the shop; and*

WHEREAS, *O.K. Bike Shop were the "local guys" and became the meeting place where retired friends would gather around, maybe eating limburger cheese and onion sandwiches and drinking beer from the keg; and*

WHEREAS, *Gerald "Red" Owens, took the unclaimed bikes from the Lancaster Police Department's holding area back to O.K. Bike Shop, refurbished them and then donated them to kids in the area; and*

WHEREAS, *Gerald "Red" Owens" was born on September 20, 1935; served in the US Air Force for four years in Japan during the Korean War, and married Karen Shape; and*

WHEREAS, *O.K. Bike Shop closed its doors in 2019 leaving a void in the community along with the death of Gerald "Red" Owens in 2020 at the age of 83.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *The Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations on February 20, 2020, to congratulate O.K. Bike Shop on their business operating for 50 years in Lancaster and to celebrate the life of Gerald "Red" Owens.*

Honorable Frank J. Todaro
Erie County Legislator- 8th District