

## 2013-J1089

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of BSR which was celebrated on March 7, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the achievements of individuals and businesses which contribute substantially to the economic health and vitality of the communities of the State of New York, and to their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the successful operation of BSR which was celebrated on March 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Founded on March 7, 1913, by Samuel M. Griffiths, the Binghamton Slag Roofing Company (now known as BSR), began business of the corner of Water and Henry Streets in downtown Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, Binghamton Slag Roofing originated its name based upon the roofing technology in use during that period; slag was a byproduct of the Pittsburg steel industry and was crushed and used as protective gravel surfacing on hot asphalt roofs in the early years; it is no longer used; and

WHEREAS, In the 1980s, the company changed its name to BSR and split into two businesses: BSR provides roofing and construction services to commercial and residential clients, and Weathermaster provides commercial roofing service to the public sector; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Peter Griffiths represent the 4th generation of their family to manage companies that evolved as a result of Samuel M. Griffiths's original storefront; today, Gregory Griffiths, the 5th generation, is employed at BSR; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when business organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the BSR which was celebrated on March 7, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to BSR.