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Senate Resolution No. 1158

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Conway Beam Truck Group upon the occasion
of its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Conway Beam Truck Group upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, to be celebrated at an open house event on Tuesday, June 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Fred Beam and his son-in-law Elmer Conway incorporated Beam Mack Sales and Service by purchasing the franchise for the Rochester area from Mack, Inc.; the business officially opened in 1951; and

WHEREAS, With a storied history, in 1952, Wilcon Truck Rental was incorporated to provide truck rentals and leases and was later renamed to Conway Beam Leasing in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Three years later, in 1955, the company relocated from University Avenue to a new facility on West Henrietta Road prior to its expansion in 1962 to Elmira, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Tom Conway entered the business full time, and in 1984, was named president of the company, becoming the third generation to lead the business; and

WHEREAS, The franchise expanded in 1985 through the acquisition of branches in Syracuse and Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Conway Beam Leasing joins National Truck Leasing System (NationalLease); and

WHEREAS, This renowned company is the recipient of the coveted Mack Dealer of the Year Award; this honor was bestowed upon the company in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Experiencing much growth and change, in 2000, the company divested the Carrier franchise line and added the Volvo franchise line to the Rochester, Syracuse, and Watertown branches; and

WHEREAS, The company purchased Albee Truck Sales to acquire Empire Bus Sales and a new Volvo territory in Elmira in 2006; this same year, Tom Conway was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Truck Dealer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Chelsea Conway-the 4th generation of leadership at the company-is appointed CEO and Tom Conway became Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, The company acquired Buffalo Truck Center to expand Mack, Volvo, Hino, Isuzu and leasing product lines in 2017, demonstrating its continued commitment to growth and service to its community; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the company changed its name to Conway Beam Truck

Group and launched a new branding campaign in addition to opening its impeccable new facility in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The success of Conway Beam Truck Group is in direct correlation to the efforts of its hardworking and dedicated owners and staff, all of whom are considered integral parts of the success of the company; their involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the business and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Conway Beam Truck Group upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Conway Beam Truck Group.