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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Rose Garden Bowl/Viking Valhalla Restaurant upon the occasion of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those businesses throughout the State of New York which have substantially contributed to the economic vitality of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Rose Garden Bowl/Viking Valhalla Restaurant upon the occasion of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Awards Dinner on Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this special event is to also celebrate the Chamber's 38th Annual Awards Ceremony at the Batavia Holiday Inn; the theme is "Simply Elegant"; and

WHEREAS, Doc and Mary Sardou purchased the Rose Garden in 1954 and three years later, added an eight-lane bowling center; the restaurant was remodeled in 1966 to reflect "Viking" atmosphere, complete with weapons and a Viking ship; and

WHEREAS, Doc Sardou passed away in 1967 and Tom, then age 13, took full responsibility in filling his father's shoes by assisting his mother, Mary, to run the family business; Tom cooked dinners, ran the bowling leagues and learned to fix bowling machines; younger brother George, at age 10, helped by bussing tables, washing dishes and at an older age did some short order cooking and bartending; and

WHEREAS, An historic icon, the Rose Garden Bowl/Viking Valhalla Restaurant has expanded from bowling, dining and full bar, to offering summer outdoor beach volleyball; it continues to be an excellent fami-

ly-owned and operated business with Mary, Tom, and Chris Sardou leading the way; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Rose Garden Bowl/Viking Valhalla Restaurant upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Sardou Family.