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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Bill Horeth upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2011 Elmer Smith Award on April 29, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Bill Horeth upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the prestigious Elmer Smith Award at the 2011 Crabapple Gala, to be held on Friday, April 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bill Horeth is being honored with this esteemed award in recognition and appreciation of his many years of leadership and volunteer service and contributions to and on behalf of the Webster community, and a multitude of its community organizations over the course of many years, years during which he never sought awards or recognition; and

WHEREAS, Bill Horeth was born and raised in Webster, New York; he grew up in the house at the corner of North Avenue and Orchard Street; the house is now part of the family business, Kittelberger Florist and Gifts; and

WHEREAS, During high school, Bill Horeth worked part time at the family's floral business that was started by his grandfather; Bill graduated from Webster's R.L. Thomas High School in 1975 and after working for three years as a tool and die apprentice, he returned to the family business in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the business has seen four expansions; most noticeable was an overall rebuilding of the retail space in 2001; and WHEREAS, Bill Horeth served as president of the Association of Florists of Greater Rochester in 1985 and 1992; he was instrumental in establishing the Rochester Florist Delivery Pool, originally formed as a cooperative effort to control the costs of deliveries in the Rochester area, during the time of a fuel shortage; Bill Horeth served as president of the Association from 1995-1997, 1999-2000, Vice President 1993-1995 and received the Delivery Pool Award; and

WHEREAS, Bill Horeth's community involvement is far reaching; he is active in the Kiwanis organization, chairs several committees and is often found wearing the apron, as he cooks for many of the events; in addition, he runs the annual Fishing Derby and is involved in the annual Father-Daughter dinner; and

WHEREAS, Bill Horeth has worked cooperatively with the Village of Webster's Business Improvement District and was a strong proponent of its recent expansion; both he and his wife, Diane, have long been involved in Webster's Women's Lacrosse Club and help to run the Seaway Classic Tournament each year; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Kittelberger Florist has generously donated floral arrangements to several not-for-profit organizations for their particular galas; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Bill Horeth upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Elmer Smith Award at the 2011 Crabapple Gala on April 29, 2011; and be it further

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