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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring C.H. Landers, Inc. Funeral Chapel upon the occasion of its designation by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2011 Business of the Years Award on June 3, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and individuals whose purposeful endeavors, as involved members of the community, enhance the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend C.H. Landers, Inc. Funeral Chapel upon the occasion of its designation by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2011 Business of the Years Award; and

WHEREAS, C.H. Landers, Inc. Funeral Chapel will be honored by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce for its dedication and service to the Sidney community at the Chamber's Annual Dinner, to be held at the Sidney Elks Lodge on Friday, June 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, C.H. Landers has been a part of the Sidney community for over 100 years, making it the oldest active business in downtown Sidney; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Barnhart, its owner, has gained a well-deserved reputation for the professional and caring manner in which he conducts his business; his sincere compassion has helped many community members through what is often a very difficult and overwhelming situation and time of their life; and

WHEREAS, James Barnhart was raised in Sidney and began working at C.H. Landers in 1964; in 1971, he and his wife Carol were married and he purchased the funeral chapel; and

WHEREAS, Since then, James Barnhart has been an active and valued member of the Sidney community and surrounding areas through his work on behalf of his church, various funeral director associations, the Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Rotary Club for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, James Barnhart's outstanding and dedicated professional staff, Jeff Bagley and Rosemary Gregory, were both raised in Sidney as well; Jeff joined the business in 1997 as a Licensed Funeral Director while Rosemary came to work for C.H. Landers in June 2006, and became a Licensed Funeral Director in 2009; and

WHEREAS, The fact that both have chosen to settle and work in Sidney, at a time when so many young people leave their hometowns for other pursuits, attests to the fine quality of James Barnhart's business and his leadership; and

WHEREAS, James Barnhart's dedication to both his clients and his community has earned C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel the honor of being named the Sidney Chamber of Commerce 2011 Business of the Years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, along with James Barnhart and his staff, for their commitment and contributions to Sidney and its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when businesses such as C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them, and their leadership and staff, for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor C.H. Landers, Inc. Funeral Chapel upon the occasion of its designation

by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2011 Business of the Years Award on June 3, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to C.H. Landers, Inc. Funeral Chapel.