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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jerry Weaver upon the occasion of celebrating 50 years of distinguished service to Pies Furniture in Lockport, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and 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 congratulate Jerry Weaver upon the occasion of celebrating 50 years of distinguished service to Pies Furniture in Lockport, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year also marks the 87th Anniversary of Pies Furniture, originally founded by Louis Pies, of Lockport; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Weaver was just 19 years-old when he started working at Pies furniture, located at 320 Park Avenue, Lockport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Now, just a few months shy of his 50 years working at the furniture store, Jerry Weaver is the owner, and turned Pies Furniture into a family business with the help of his wife, Patricia, and his two sons, Martin and Steven, who run the warehouse and manage the store; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, there were seven furniture stores in Eastern Niagara County; currently, Pies Furniture is one of two furniture stores in the Lockport area; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Jerry Weaver, a Lockport native, was looking for a job when he stumbled upon Pies Furniture; he went to school with some of the Pies boys and was drawn into looking for a job there; he walked in the store and got hired on the spot; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his employment in the warehouse, within a year, Jerry was promoted to the sales department; and

WHEREAS, From July of 1964 to July of 1966, Jerry Weaver served his country as a member of the United States Army, stationed at the U.S. Army Base in Fort Devens, Massachusetts, as a military police officer; upon his discharge, he immediately returned to his job with Pies Furniture; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Jerry Weaver bought 50 percent of Pies Furniture from previous owner Jack Pohl, and by 1999, bought out the business completely; and

WHEREAS, Being completely invested into giving customers an overall friendly and trustworthy experience, Jerry Weaver continues to sell comfort and customer service rather than selling a fashion statement; and

WHEREAS, Pies Furniture is a family business and from the moment you walk through its doors you feel the warm family atmosphere; Jerry Weaver is not in the business of just selling and putting furniture in houses, he believes in creating rooms for the homes of the people of his community; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 congratulate Jerry Weaver upon the occasion of celebrating 50 years of distinguished service to Pies Furniture in Lockport, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jerry Weaver, Lockport, New York.