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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Shapiro's Furniture Barn upon the occasion of its designation by the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. as the recipient of its 2012 Corporate Bell Award on February 4, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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, businesses, and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Shapiro's Furniture Barn upon the occasion of its designation by the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. (MHA) as the recipient of its 2012 Corporate Bell Award; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Association of Orange County seeks to promote the positive mental health and emotional well-being of Orange County residents, working toward reducing the stigma of mental illness and developmental disabilities, and providing support to victims of sexual assault and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, Working in partnership with service recipients, families, volunteers and the community, MHA strives to fulfill its mission through advocacy, direct service, education and information dissemination; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. proudly honors outstanding organizations, businesses, and members of the community who give unselfishly of themselves to help make the lives of others fulfilling, recognizing them for their dedication to the community and their commitment to MHA's mission; and

WHEREAS, Shapiro's Furniture Barn will be honored by the Mental Health

Association in Orange County, Inc. with its prestigious Corporate Bell Award at its 2012 Silver Ball to be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at the Round Hill House in Washingtonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, A civic-minded local business, Shapiro's Furniture Barn has been serving the Newburgh, New York community since 1918 and has a long and rich history of giving back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Now run by the fifth generation of the Shapiro family, Shapiro's Furniture Barn is today owned and operated by Barbara and Bruce Shapiro and their son, Noah; this generation continues to carry out the family tradition of giving so deeply instilled in them by their ancestors; and

WHEREAS, MHA itself has a long history of patronage with Shapiro's Furniture Barn and gladly attests to its exceptional service and quality, affordable furniture; and

WHEREAS, Shapiro's has long been MHA's furniture store of choice for individuals and families supported through MHA's services, as well as of its employees; and

WHEREAS, The Shapiros routinely go out of their way to assure that those served by MHA have ready access to needed furnishings; they have provided many after hour deliveries, and have always stood by their products with efficiency and care; and

WHEREAS, This spirit of giving has endeared Shapiro's Furniture Barn to the local community, making the Shapiro name synonymous with care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing great service at affordable prices and generously supporting the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc., Shapiro's also sponsors a multitude of organizations and

events such as "The Double Dutch," Pop Warner Football, Glenn Hines, and numerous church events; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shapiro is a volunteer at the Nora Cronin School for Girls; she has led the Red Cross Blood Drive for many years, and organ-

izes annual Christmas visits to the elderly; clearly, Barbara, Bruce and Noah Shapiro have proudly inherited a spirit of giving that is as vibrant and dynamic as that of their forbearers; and

WHEREAS, Shapiro's Furniture Barn has been a supporter of the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. for many years; as a dedicated community partner, it has helped MHA and its programs to flourish, greatly enriching the lives of countless others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Shapiro's Furniture Barn for its unwavering commitment to the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative service to the communities and citizens it so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when businesses of such noble 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 commend Shapiro's Furniture Barn upon the occasion of its designation by the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. as the recipient of its 2012 Corporate Bell Award on February 4, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shapiro's Furniture Barn.