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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dominick Carbone upon the occasion of his nomination for the 2013 TIME Dealer of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those businesses within the State of New York which distinguish themselves through outstanding professional behavior, corporate innovation, and enduring commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dominick Carbone upon the occasion of his nomination for the 2013 TIME Dealer of the Year Award, to be celebrated on February 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dominick Carbone, director of the Carbone Auto Group in Utica, New York, is one of a select group of 57 dealer nominees from across the country who will be honored at the 96th annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Convention and Exposition in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The TIME Dealer of the Year Award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors; recipients are among the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service; Dominick Carbone, was chosen to represent the New York State Automobile Dealers Association in the national competition; and

WHEREAS, Auto dealers play such an important role in the strength of local communities across the United States; they are involved in many philanthropic endeavors, contributing their time and resources to improving the lives of people in need; and

WHEREAS, The connection to the auto business began when Dominick Carbone's father opened a Studebaker dealership in Utica in the 1930s and his family lived above the store; he graduated from New Hartford High School in New Hartford, New York, in 1955, and earned a BS degree in commerce from the University of Notre Dame; he then spent three years in the United States Marine Corps, rising to the rank of first lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning home from the military, Dominick Carbone went

back to work in the family business and opened Don's Downtown Ford in 1968; today, the Carbone Auto Group encompasses more than 20 franchises operating in 12 locations in New York and Vermont; in addition, Dominick Carbone's daughter, son, nephew and two sons-in-law work for the family enterprise; and

WHEREAS, In the area of community service, Dominick Carbone is on the board of trustees for Utica College and a major benefactor, establishing the Joseph and Inez Carbone Scholarship Fund in honor of his parents and helping to fund a new auditorium; he is also on the board of the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties and the Kelberman Center, as well as a supporter of the House of Good Shepherd, American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and founder of the Resource Center for Independent Living's Wonderland of Lights; and

WHEREAS, Dominick Carbone has donated money to many organizations, including St. Elizabeth Medical Center for its new trauma building; in addition, Carbone Auto Group awards two to four scholarships to the children of employees and donates driver education vehicles to Utica-area high schools; and

WHEREAS, Dominick Carbone is proud of his work for the United Way, which resulted in the largest percentage increase in fundraising in his area when he chaired the annual drive; he was honored to receive the

organization's Real Hero award and has received numerous honors for his philanthropic efforts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Edna, their four children and 10 grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dominick Carbone upon the occasion of his nomination for the 2013 TIME Dealer of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dominick Carbone.