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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Empire Tractor, Inc. of Batavia, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as the recipient of the 2012 Agricultural Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

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 enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute 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 congratulate Empire Tractor, Inc. of Batavia, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as the recipient of the 2012 Agricultural Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Awards Ceremony, to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the Clarion Hotel; and

WHEREAS, Empire Tractor, Inc. of Batavia, New York, is a long-standing farm equipment dealer with stores in Batavia, Waterloo, Cortland, North Cohocton, Cazenovia and Syracuse; it employs a total of 95 personnel, 19 in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Empire Tractor, Inc. traces its roots back to when owner Tim Call's father, Robert, purchased Batavia Farm Equipment in 1960; the business was previously known as Tri-County Tractor until merging with RMC and Fingerlakes Tractor in 2000 to form Empire Tractor; and

WHEREAS, In March 2012, Empire Tractor, Inc. held the grand opening of its new facility in Batavia, New York, at the site of the former Ogni-bene Ford dealership; the 22,000 square-foot building and two adjacent buildings allowed the company to expand its business; and

WHEREAS, Empire Tractor, Inc. of Batavia, New York, is actively involved in the community and a member of the Batavia Rotary Club as well as other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Empire Tractor, Inc. of Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be 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 Empire Tractor, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as the recipient of the 2012 Agricultural Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Empire Tractor, Inc., Batavia, New York.