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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Scott Kelley upon the occasion of his designation by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2013 Business Person of the Year Award

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 whose purposeful endeavors as involved members of the community serve to 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 honor Scott Kelley of Kelley Farm & Garden in Cobleskill, New York, upon the occasion of his designation by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2013 Business Person of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the chamber's Annual Awards Banquet, to be held on Friday, March 28, 2014, at the Best Western Banquet Room, Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the cooperative efforts of the business and residential community in preserving the quality, character, and vitality of business in the County of Schoharie and, each year, proudly honors those in the community, such as Scott Kelley, who help to further these goals; and

WHEREAS, The Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Scott Kelley for his contributions to the local economy, to the goals of the chamber, and to the quality of life in Schoharie County; and

WHEREAS, Scott Kelley graduated from Camden High School in 1983, and earned an associate's degree in Animal Science from SUNY Cobleskill in

1986; he received his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Cornell University in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from college, Scott Kelley began working as a loan officer in training for Farm Credit in New Jersey, during which time he became engaged; in 1989, he began working as a store manager for Agway Inc.; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Scott Kelley managed the Chatham store for a year, and subsequently became assistant manager of Cobleskill Agway; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Scott Kelley and his wife purchased the Agway business and incorporated as Kelley Farm & Garden; the retail store moved into the old P&C building in 2008, more than doubling its space and becoming a True Value hardware and "Just Ask" Rental, while still maintaining the Agway product line; and

WHEREAS, The company once again expanded in 2012, to include lumber and building supplies; the rental business and power equipment sales were moved to the old store building; and

WHEREAS, With his proven business leadership abilities and his evident dedication to his community, Scott Kelley is the quintessential selection for the prestigious Business Person of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kathy, and their three sons, Ryan, Matthew and Evan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Scott Kelley upon the occasion of his designation by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2013 Business Person of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Scott Kelley.