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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Felix Schoeller North America, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those businesses within the State of New York which contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Felix Schoeller North America to be celebrated with an Open House and Reception held at its plant in Pulaski, New York, on July 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Felix Schoeller North America is a subsidiary of the Germany-based Felix Schoeller Group; in 1964, a joint venture was formed between Simpson Lee Paper Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Felix Schoeller Jr. of Germany; operation started under the name of Lee Schoeller Paper Company in Pulaski, New York; Pulaski is also home to the North American sales and marketing staff; and

WHEREAS, The Lee-Schoeller Paper Company operated its production facility until 1968 when Simpson Lee Paper pulled out of the partnership and its shares got sold to Mead Corporation; it was then the company was renamed to Schoeller Technical Papers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Felix Schoeller bought out Mead Corporation and took over 100% ownership of the company; later the company was renamed to Felix Schoeller North America, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Wholly owned subsidiary of the German parent, today Felix Schoeller North America is primarily a specialty paper converting and distribution operation servicing the digital printing, release liner and specialty papers markets; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of President/CEO Michael Szidat,

Felix Schoeller North America has been in the business of manufacturing imaging papers for leading technologies for photo-quality printing for five decades; and

WHEREAS, Felix Schoeller North America is the market leader in printing papers for the digital photography and graphics and display markets in North America; and

WHEREAS, With over 300 direct and indirect employees, Felix Schoeller North America is the second largest employer in Pulaski and the fourth largest manufacturing company in Oswego County; it is among the largest private companies in Oswego County; in 2014, it created 173 new jobs, more than doubling the company's workforce, showing its confidence in the local community; and

WHEREAS, A model for local businesses for 50 years, Felix Schoeller exerts a strong, positive influence in the communities it serves, and is a crucial element of the economy of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Felix Schoeller North America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Szidat, President/CEO, Felix Schoeller North America.