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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Munson's Building Supplies

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the long histories of certain family business endeavors, which are the cornerstone of economic success in this great Empire State; 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 Munson's Building Supplies, to be celebrated with an Open House on Friday, June 20, 2014, Oneonta, New York; and

WHEREAS, Munson's Building Supplies began as a roller-skating rink when Fred and Audrey Munson opened it in 1955, as a part-time business; in 1963, a local businessman convinced the couple to turn the rink into a lumber yard; and

WHEREAS, Established on May 5, 1964, Munson's Building Supplies is a family-owned hardware and building supplies company located in Oneonta, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Munson's Building Supplies joined the True Value buying group and added hardware to the lumber business; and

WHEREAS, The original 6,000 square-foot building and outer buildings were destroyed in an electrical fire in 1979; the outpouring of support from the community and loyal customers was instrumental in the rebirth of Munson's Building Supplies; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Audrey Munson sold the business to their children, making Steve Munson, Mike Munson, and their brother-in-law Bob Goble, co-owners; at 92 years old, Fred Munson continues to go to work daily; Audrey, who as a bookkeeper was a driving force towards the business' success, retired in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Today, Munson's Building Supplies' 1,600 accounts represent contractors, carpenters and home improvement businesses throughout the region; the store sells a variety of building supplies, from boards and nails to windows and doors; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this exemplary business has approximately 19,000 square-feet dedicated to retail sales and showroom space, as well as another 2,800 square-feet designated for rental equipment, which ranges from small drills to excavators; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Munson's Building Supplies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Munson's Building Supplies, Oneonta, New York.