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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Licari's Big M upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Business of the Year Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Licari's Big M upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Business of the Year Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 47th Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Francesca's Banquet Facility, Ilion, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Louis Licari opened his first grocery store, The Royal Market, located in Frankfort, New York; five years later, he moved the business to St. Johnsville, New York, and opened the Thriftway Supermarket; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating college in 1970, Carmen Licari joined his father's family business in St. Johnsville, and the FOODLAND group; since joining the business, he has worked diligently to open 14 grocery stores; and

WHEREAS, During the mid-1970s, Carmen Licari opened a second grocery store in Dolgeville, New York; in 1983, he joined the BIG M group; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1980s, Carmen Licari went on to open stores in both Ft. Plain, and Frankfort, New York, which he sold in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, both Carmen Licari and his wife, Rhonda, became the sole owners of Louis C Licari Supermarkets, Inc.; together, they opened

a store in Ft. Plain, which was unfortunately lost in a major flood in 2006; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Carmen Licari opened Little M in St. Johnsville, and three years later, he invested in the remodeling of the Dolgeville store; and

WHEREAS, Today, Carmen Licari's two sons are vital members in the business; they relish being a part of a fourth generation family grocery business; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Rhonda, and their two sons, Nick and Shea, 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 those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; 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 honor Licari's Big M upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Business of the Year Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carmen Licari, Owner/Operator, Licari's Big M.