



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Hugh T. Farley

Senator Farley Salutes Joseph Chan

HUGH T. FARLEY August 4, 2014



State Senator Hugh T. Farley (R, C, I – Schenectady) had the pleasure of presenting a New York State Citation to Joseph Chan recently upon Mr. Chan's retirement. Senator Farley's Citation is the following:

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished careers of its esteemed residents; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Chan celebrated his retirement in April of 2014, after 37 years of owning and operating the Dragon Garden restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Joe was born on June 10, 1941, in Canton, China; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Hong Kong at the age of 17; it was here he began to learn English:
and

WHEREAS, Joe came to the United States in 1972, and lived with his cousin in Huntsville,
Alabama; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Troy in 1975 and worked in his cousin Tommy's restaurant, China
Inn; and

WHEREAS, Joe opened his own restaurant, Dragon Garden, in 1977, after purchasing
Gibbon's Diner; and

WHEREAS, He refurbished the restaurant in 1995 and opened one of the first Chinese buffets
in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, After a long and successful career, Joe sold Dragon Garden to his niece and her
family in April of 2014; they will continue it as Asia Bistro restaurant; and

WHEREAS, He also owned and operated Sahr's Poultry Farm from 1986 until 2002; and

WHEREAS, Joe and his loving wife, Nancy, are the proud parents of Joe, Joyce, and Gary
Chan; and

WHEREAS, Joe is a respected businessman, and Dragon Garden has long been renowned for
its exceptional food, charming atmosphere, and reasonable prices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That as a duly elected member of the New York State Senate, I take this
opportunity to congratulate Joseph Chan upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement

and to wish him health and happiness.