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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese of Green Goddess Foods, LLC, upon the occasion of being named Small Business Persons of the Year Award for New York State by the United States Small Business Administration

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those small business owners who substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese of Green Goddess Foods, LLC, upon the occasion of being named Small Business Persons of the Year Award for New York State by the United States Small Business Administration to be celebrated at an awards ceremony held May 1-2, 2016, in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, The Small Business Person of the Year Award recognizes entrepreneurs from across the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the United States Virgin Islands for their outstanding business achievements; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese met in 2001 while cooking at a local cafe and discovered they shared a dream to start their own natural food service business; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the two were inspired to launch Green Goddess Foods, LLC, a vegetarian prepared-food business, with a goal of increasing access to healthy local foods and building wellness in their community; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, these esteemed small businesswomen have built a loyal following, and have grown Green Goddess from a 100-square-foot booth at the Lake Placid Farmer's Market to a dynamic company which is

highly active in a variety of areas; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese purchased a health food store in Lake Placid, New York, which they renamed the Green Goddess Natural Market with assistance from the North Country Small Business Development Center, the SBA and the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, After facing stiff competition from a newly opened regional grocery chain store, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese carefully readjusted their business model, and regained market share by increasing their selection of freshly made organic cafe items, local products, and bulk foods; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese relocated the Green Goddess Natural Market, and transformed their store into a larger community meeting place; they also opened The Scape Cafe for breakfast and lunch, and added an extensive deli and catering menu, as well as a fresh juice and smoothie station; and

WHEREAS, After achieving much success with The Scape Cafe, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese looked for further opportunities; they opened the Nordic Cafe at the Olympic Sport Complex Mount Van Hoevenburg Cross-Country Ski Center in 2014, and added a Waffle Hut the following year; and

WHEREAS, Today, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese continue to provide their community with the finest organic and minimally processed foods and an extensive produce section featuring over 50 varieties of organic fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, In addition, as part of their commitment to facilitating access to regional farm products for North Country residents and visi-

tors, Green Goddess sources up to 80 percent of its produce from area farmers during the local growing season; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable

endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; they regularly donate wholesome prepared foods to local schools, the Adirondack Farm to School Initiative, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Reason2Smile, and The Wild Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those business leaders 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese of Green Goddess Foods, LLC, upon the occasion of being named Small Business Persons of the Year Award for New York State by the United States Small Business Administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tammy Ann Loewy and Wynde Kate Reese, Owners, Green Goddess Foods, LLC.