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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Formaggio Italian Cheese Specialties upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary on June 1, 2016

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 commend Formaggio Italian Cheese Specialties upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary at a Ribbon Cutting sponsored by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Hurleyville, New York; and

WHEREAS, An award winning fresh mozzarella manufacturer, Formaggio Italian Cheese Specialties is owned and operated by President/CEO Anthony Mongiello, affectionately known as The Big Cheese; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past 25 years, Formaggio Italian Cheese Specialties has been the proud recipient of numerous Gold Medals in the Wisconsin Cheese Maker's Association's World Cheese Competition, and has proudly transformed the deli industry by continuing to set trends; and

WHEREAS, Today, Anthony Mongiello faithfully continues his family's legacy of making ingenious advances and top quality products; and

WHEREAS, In 1925, Lorenzo Mongiello established a specialty canning corporation for ricotta cheese; he designed these metal tapered cans and built machinery to produce them; his son, Angelo Mongiello, Sr. then continued with his father's industrial creativity; and

WHEREAS, After watching how workers painfully molded mozzarella, with their bare hands in boiling hot water, Angelo Mongiello, Sr. invented the first automated mozzarella cheese making machine; he earned over a

dozen patents on industry related items, as well as custom built equipment that Formaggio Italian Cheese Specialties still use today; and WHEREAS, As a young man, Anthony Mongiello accompanied his father, Angelo, to a product-pitching meeting at the Polly-O offices where he saw his father introduce the incredibly successful Mozzarella Cheese Snack Stick, or as we know it today, the Polly-O String Cheese stick and its many copies; and

WHEREAS, This experience set Anthony Mongiello on the path of product revolution and furthered the family's tradition of food industry innovation; at the age of eighteen, he changed the food industry when he was issued his first patent for the Stuffed Crust Pizza; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Mongiello's passion for food innovation led him to become a master cheesemaker, creating over 60 different food items which are sold in thousands of stores coast to coast, as well as internationally; these products have earned him more than 12 prestigious domestic and international awards for flavor profiles, product innovation and packaging; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Anthony Mongiello hosts a live radio cooking show called "Kings in the Kitchen," currently heard in New York and Pennsylvania, the show helps people create five-star, gourmet meals with minimal effort and little cost; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Mongiello's uncanny ability to understand the movement of products on store shelves, is a testament to the passion he has for giving consumers what they want: fulfillment, quality and originality; whether it is in international retail or club stores, the local grocery down the street, or a gourmet shop in New York City, he is bringing his passion for trendspotting, trendsetting, and innovation to

new arenas of the consumer culture, including the internet, television, radio, food clubs and retail stores; 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 commend Formaggio Italian Cheese Specialties upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary on June 1, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Mongiello, Owner/Operator, Formaggio Italian Cheese Specialties.