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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Pine Bush Equipment Co., Inc. in Pine Bush, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Pine Bush Equipment in Pine Bush, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pine Bush Equipment (PBE) Co., Inc. was established by Edward "Ted" Boniface and his wife, Dorothy "Dot" on March 5, 1956; the couple purchased Pine Bush Farm Implement, a local Case agricultural dealership on State Route 302; and

WHEREAS, Ted Boniface was an excavating contractor who built roads, ponds, foundations and other things of that nature; he wanted a shop where he could work on his equipment; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, Ted Boniface's focus changed from excavating to distributing equipment; in 1964, Pine Bush Farm Implement was incorporated and its name was changed name to Pine Bush Equipment Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, nine months of construction began to add much-needed space to the rapidly expanding business; the necessary changes greatly enhanced PBE's status in the community; and

WHEREAS, As the agricultural business declined in the area, PBE shifted into the construction industry in 1967; together with Ted and his wife and a workforce of four other employees, the business continued to prosper; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, PBE became the first dealer in the tri-state area for Komatsu and Kubota equipment; and

WHEREAS, Twelve years later, Ted and Dot Boniface retired and sold the business to their children and then-CFO Elmer Dyer; in 1988, PBE opens a dealership in Newington, Connecticut, which was called East PBE, Inc.; in 1990, another store was opened in Wappinger Falls, New York, and in 2003, it was moved to a new facility in Holmes, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, to ensure OSHA requirements for forklift operating training were met, PBE built an on-site training institute at its Pine Bush location; in 2004, East PBE conceived of and initiated a construction program for students at the University of Hartford Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to its community, PBE hosted an inaugural golf tournament to raise funds for the American Cancer Society in 2006; the company also has participated in Relay for Life, raising significant funds; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, PBE opened a NAPA parts store inside its Holmes location, and in 2013, another one was added to the Pine Bush location; and

WHEREAS, PBE is currently led by brothers Steve and Ken Boniface and Holly Bodnar; the business' employees are all second- and third-generation family members who hold various positions; Mark Hufcut manages the Holmes, New York, branch; Mike Bodnar, and Karie, David, Jim and Steven Boniface comprise the sales team; Jason and Jim Boniface Jr. lead the rental team, Drew Boniface and Tim Trojahn manage the parts division; Kathy Trojahn, Barb and Lori Boniface are office administrators; as well as Zachary Hufcut who works in maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Rounding out the team are CFO, Simra Alfonso, and East PBE Branch Manager in Newington, Connecticut, Kevin Keroack; 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 it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those businesses within the State of New York which contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Pine Bush Equipment Co., Inc. in Pine Bush, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pine Bush Equipment Co., Inc.