

## **2017-J4276**

Senate Resolution No. 4276

BY: Senator SEWARD

HONORING Susan Loden upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Businessperson of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce on March 23, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Susan Loden upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Businessperson of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Friday, March 23, 2018, in Bouck Hall, at SUNY Cobleskill, Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce's annual business awards recognize individuals who have been successful in providing quality products and services to clients and customers, and who have consistently treated their business associates in a fair and respectable manner; and

WHEREAS, Since the 1940s, the Apple Barrel has been serving the residents of beautiful Schoharie County; what started out as an outlet for local apples, has turned into a destination for unique gifts, seasonal plants, fresh baked goods, holiday decorations, and fine dining at its award-winning cafe; and

WHEREAS, After selling The Country Store in Gallupville, New York, in 1983, Susan Loden and her husband, Robert, purchased the Apple Barrel; Robert managed the store for the first 11 years until Susan took over in 1995; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Susan Loden has expanded the business, adding new merchandise and a popular cafe in 2009; today, Susan's son, Josh, and daughter, Jessica help her manage the thriving country store; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the Apple Barrel, Susan Loden served as both the Town of Wright tax collector from 1986-1997, and supervisor from 1998-2009; she is also a vital member of the boards of directors for the Gallupville House Association, and the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, When she is not working, Susan Loden enjoys spending time with her family, especially her new grandson; she also loves to swim, play pickleball, and travel all over the world; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Robert, their four children, Jessica, Larissa, Travis and Josh, and one grandson,

Benjamin, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Susan Loden upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Businessperson of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan Loden.