

## 2021-K497

Assembly Resolution No. 497

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HONORING Joseph Gonzales upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 3, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Gonzales upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 49th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Gonzales is receiving this prestigious award for his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his Clarence community; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of eight, Joseph Gonzales began picking strawberries at Ken Spoth's Family Farm in Clarence; eventually, he worked himself up to the retail farm stand where he enjoyed working with the public; as his interest in farming and retail sales grew, he decided to make jams and jellies to sell to local stores; and

WHEREAS, As more and more people discovered his delicious jams and jellies, Joseph Gonzales opened his own produce stand on Main Street at the age of 17; today, Joe's Farm Market continues to flourish, and his wares are so popular he had to outsource production of his trademark jam to his Amish partners; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Gonzales, known to his customers as "Jammin Joe" then purchased Pop-in-Bob's Kettle Corn business and ever since, he has sold his products at various fairs and festivals throughout Western New York; ever evolving, he opened The Depot Pizzeria in Clarence in the Spring of 2020; and

WHEREAS, By his side is his wife Emily, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Joseph Gonzales upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 3, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Gonzales.