

## 2011-K1267

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David E. Harden and Ann Harden Babcock upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award by the Camden Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious individuals and institutions of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend David E. Harden and Ann Harden Babcock upon the occasion of their designation as the recipients of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award by the Camden Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, David E. Harden and Ann Harden Babcock will be honored at the Camden Chamber of Commerce's 55th Annual Awards Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at McConnellsville Golf Course, McConnellsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Hamilton College, David E. Harden began working for the family business, the Harden Furniture Company, right out of college; and

WHEREAS, By 1950, David E. Harden was promoted to sales manager, and ten years later he assumed the presidency of the venerable Harden Furniture Company which had been founded by his family in 1865; and

WHEREAS, David E. Harden's promotion proved to be a watershed moment, ushering in a period of unprecedented growth which has carried the Harden name and reputation for quality into furniture industry pre-eminence throughout the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, David E. Harden has served as a Trustee of Hamilton College and in key roles with

such organizations as the Boy Scouts of America, the Oneida County Planning and New York Business Boards, the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, The New York Design Center, the boards of many prominent Upstate businesses and financial institutions and the New York State Golf Association; and

WHEREAS, Over the past six decades, David E. Harden has performed invaluable service to his community with the highest levels of dedication, skill, grace, compassion, style and great good humor; and

WHEREAS, A life-long citizen of McConnellsville, New York, Ann Harden Babcock has been and continues to be an upstanding role model; and

WHEREAS, Ann Harden Babcock's exemplary skills in design and coordination have substantially contributed to the success of Harden Furniture; her major contributions were in taste, design, fabric selections and showroom set up; and

WHEREAS, The epitome of a proper lady, Ann Harden Babcock has always incorporated her own unique flair for design; and

WHEREAS, Ann Harden Babcock's perpetual support and compassion have enriched the lives of the employees at Harden Furniture Company, as well as the members of her church community where she remains an active and devoted congregant; and

WHEREAS, Ann Harden Babcock was married to the late Gordon Babcock and is the proud mother of two children; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David E. Harden and Ann Harden Babcock upon the occasion of their

designation as the recipients of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award by the Camden Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to David E. Harden and Ann Harden Babcock.