

## 2013-K659

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Pallets-R-Us and Premium Mulch for their innovation, business acumen, and absolute commitment to recycling practices

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, Businesses such as Pallets-R-Us and Premium Mulch exert a strong, positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element in the economy of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Pallets-R-Us and Premium Mulch for their innovation, business acumen, and absolute commitment to recycling practices; and

WHEREAS, Pallets-R-Us, located in Bellport, New York, and Premium Mulch, located in Coram, New York, are both owned by Nicholas Sorge and his two sons, Nicholas and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, In operation since 1984, Pallets-R-Us is the leading pallet manufacturer in the Tri-State Area; and

WHEREAS, In its dedication to recycling practices, Pallets-R-Us dismantles old pallets to recoup all components, which are then cut down to size and reused for either remanufactured pallets, or as repair components for other pallets; the wood waste is reused until they can no longer do so; and

WHEREAS, Premium Mulch, under the luminous direction of General Manager Christopher Sorge, was established in 2000, to utilize the pallet wood waste that could no longer be used, as landscaping mulch; and

WHEREAS, The operation and commitment of the Sorge Family to total recycling, is a great example to others in the industry, as well as

across numerous industries; they have made it their business not to add to the landfill, and to find innovative and productive ways to reuse their waste; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, these vital companies have invested in a small sawmill to cut logs into lumber; this is yet another way to recycle wood for a better use that is more environmentally conscious; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges these exceptional businesses and their contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that they will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes they have experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pallets-R-Us and Premium Mulch for their innovation, business acumen, and absolute commitment to recycling practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pallets-R-Us and Premium Mulch.