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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jack Byrne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Businessman of the Year Award by the Mechanicville Economic Summit

WHEREAS, Small businesses are the backbone of America, a vital part of the economy as a whole, and their success is essential to economic growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jack Byrne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Businessman of the Year Award by the Mechanicville Economic Summit; and

WHEREAS, John Francis Byrne, affectionately known as Jack, attended Whipple Grammar School and then Knickerbocker Junior High School in Lansingburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, He started his illustrious career at the age of nine as a paperboy, quickly growing his route of 50 customers to 125 customers; by the age of 13, young Jack was working at Ward's Variety Store, now Testo's Restaurant in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, After deciding he wanted to sell cars, Jack Byrne was hired at Cartwright Auto Sales in Troy, but, after one year, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served admirably for two years; and

WHEREAS, After returning home, Jack Byrne went back to selling cars at Cartwright Auto Sales; after much hard work and determination, young Jack was made a partner; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Jack Byrne purchased Selkis Ford Motors dealership on Main Street in Mechanicville; subsequently, he moved his family to Mechanicville and relocated his dealership to his present location on South Central Avenue in Mechanicville; and

WHEREAS, With a strong belief in his community, Jack Byrne has served as a member of the board of the Mechanicville Knights of Columbus, as

past member of the Hillcrest Fire Department, as a member of the Lansingburgh Rotary as well as the Boys and Girls Club, as an usher at St. Edwards the Confessor Church, a benefactor of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and as a member of the Friends of 112th Street; and

WHEREAS, The success of Jack Byrne is due in large part to his hands-on policy, working 10-12 hours a day, six days a week, and in his words, "treating everyone as you would want to be treated"; 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 Jack Byrne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Businessman of the Year Award by the Mechanicville Economic Summit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack Byrne.