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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bill Cram upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Cram has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bill Cram upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, January 24, 2014, at the Waterloo/Seneca Falls Holiday Inn, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated involvement in the community and in the growth of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1950s, Bill Cram was stationed at the Sampson US Air Force Base in Seneca County, where he met his loving wife, Phyllis, and after a brief time spent overseas in Germany, the couple returned to Seneca County where they co-founded Timberline Cash and Carry, as well as Timberline Products, both of which they later sold to Wickes Lumber; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, looking towards a new business prospect, Bill Cram purchased the Hallman Dealership in Seneca Falls; three years later, continuing his focus with the automotive industry, he purchased and remodeled the former Tri City Discount Store, and moved his dealership to that site; and

WHEREAS, With the business thriving, Bill Cram Chevrolet expanded again in January of 2012 with a brand new state-of-the-art Chevrolet Dealership; the project included demolition of the dealership's former space, and construction of a new showroom, sales department, parts department, drive-through service line, business offices, as well as parking and site improvements; and

WHEREAS, Bill Cram has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Bill Cram has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Phyllis, and their daughter, Amy, as well as one grandson, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bill Cram upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William " Bill" Cram.