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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Geneva Foreign and Sports upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those small businesses within the State of New York which contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Geneva Foreign and Sports upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Dinner on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at Club 86, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dan Fitzgerald, with a passion for cars, founded Geneva Foreign and Sports 41 years ago; dedicated to the philosophy of good work at a fair price, this local business has maintained an excellent reputation for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, What began as a two bay shop staffed by Dan Fitzgerald and one employee, has grown into an eight bay mechanical repair shop, ten bay collision repair facility with two state-of-the-art paint booths, and over 20 employees; as the business grew it moved from Hamilton Street to Lyons Road, remaining in the Town of Geneva; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, a laser measuring repair machine and lift were purchased to give Geneva Foreign and Sports the ability to repair a vehicle back to factory specifications; two downdraft paint booths were also installed, making it possible to closely replicate factory paint; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to protect the environment, Geneva Foreign and

Sports uses water based paint products, reducing the toxic ingredients used during the repair process; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Foreign and Sports is dedicated to the community it serves and supports the Geneva Scholarship Association in providing scholarships to local students; and

WHEREAS, In addition, each year the team at Geneva Foreign and Sports write numerous articles that are published by national trade organizations, bringing positive attention not only to the business, but the Geneva community as well; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges Geneva Foreign and Sports' success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the corporation and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Geneva Foreign and Sports upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dan Fitzgerald, Geneva Foreign and Sports.