

## 2013-K784

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dash's Market upon the occasion of its designation as 2014 Business of the Year by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, on February 27, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of businesses, organizations, and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dash's Market upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dash's Market, a Western New York, family-owned business, is being honored for its sparkling success, and its tradition of supporting and giving back to the community; and

WHEREAS, In 1923, Joseph and Mary Dash opened the first Dash's Market on the East Side of Buffalo; now more than 90 years later, the Dash family, through the careful guidance of three generations, has prospered and evolved in an industry with giants surrounding them in a very competitive food environment, growing from a single market to its current four stores; it has also owned several successful Tops Markets; and

WHEREAS, Risk takers and innovators throughout the years, the Dash family owner/operators pride themselves as being old-fashioned grocers that listen to and respond to their customers' needs, and incorporate

cutting edge ideas into their business; and

WHEREAS, Dash's Market was the first market with environmentally friendly concrete floors and double decker shopping carts as well as the first local to eliminate cigarette sales, years ahead of all other operators; and

WHEREAS, Dash's Market plays an important role in the regional economy; it employs 500 workers and are also big supporters of locally made products, giving many local entrepreneurs their start; and

WHEREAS, Dash's Market has supported many local organizations over the years, and has awarded fifteen annual scholarships for employees; it marked its 90th Anniversary with the announcement of its Frank and Virginia Dash Education Fund; which recognizes high school students who reflect the work ethic and values of the Dash family through awarding the Community Service Hero Award scholarships; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Dash's Market, a business that makes the wellbeing of its vendors, employees, customers, and community its concern; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when businesses of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be 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 Dash's Market upon the occasion of its designation as 2014 Business of the Year by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dash's Market.