

## 2013-J5011

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Riverhouse Restaurant of Pulaski, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Small Business Excellence Award by the United States Small Business Administration and the New York Business Development Corporation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those exceptional individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Riverhouse Restaurant of Pulaski, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Small Business Excellence Award by the United States Small Business Administration and the New York Business Development Corporation; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the 16th Annual Excellence Awards Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel, in Syracuse, New York, on Monday, May 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Riverhouse Restaurant was nominated for this high honor by Operation Oswego County; and

WHEREAS, The Small Business Excellence Awards recognizes the importance of small businesses to our economy, and celebrates local upstate New York companies as part of National Small Business Week; the event is hosted by the United States Small Business Administration and the New York Business Development Corporation, along with area lenders and economic development organizations; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses are selected for the Excellence Awards based on their company's longevity, innovation, sales growth, increased employment, ability to overcome adversity and community contributions; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2007, the Riverhouse Restaurant is part of a

long and distinguished tradition of restaurants and hotels operating along the Salmon River in Pulaski, going back to 1804; and WHEREAS, Open year-round, this esteemed small business was founded by owners, Frank and Mike Catanzarite, local entrepreneurs who wanted to take a break from their careers and give back to the community; and WHEREAS, The Restaurant's beautiful facilities pay tribute to the rich history of the Pulaski area, while offering its patrons a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere in which to enjoy their dining experience; and WHEREAS, Since its opening, the Riverhouse Restaurant has served both as a source of jobs and as an anchor location around which other businesses have opened in town; in addition, it has added to the area's reputation as a growing residential community and tourism destination; 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Riverhouse Restaurant of Pulaski, New York, and to wish it continued success in all future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Riverhouse Restaurant of Pulaski, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Small Business Excellence Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank and Mike Catanzarite, owners of the Riverhouse Restaurant.