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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Small Business Organization of the Year Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business 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 Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Small Business Organization of the Year Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon and Showcase, to be held on Friday, May 16, 2014, at Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Amherst Chamber of Commerce is one of the 10 largest chambers in New York State due to its steadfast commitment to providing services members need to grow their business and prosperity; each May, the Chamber hosts a luncheon to honor seven outstanding small businesses in Western New York for their vast contributions to the region; and

WHEREAS, Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP, a consulting firm located in Amherst, New York, was founded when partners Martin Lougen, Carolyn Valenti, Keith Bookbinder and Daniel Weintraub combined their resources and purchased the local office of BDO Seidman, one of the nation's leading tax consulting firms; and

WHEREAS, The four partners had worked together at BDO Seidman for

nearly two decades, and in 2000, Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub (LVBW) joined the BDO Alliance, giving them the unique ability to provide clients with the resources of a major national firm, and the personal attention of a local independent; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, J Kincaid, who had been with the partners since graduating from college, was promoted to partner, and Keith Bookbinder was named to Managing Partner in 2012; and

WHEREAS, LVBW provides a variety of services from accounting/auditing and tax planning/compliance, to advice on complex matters such as mergers and acquisitions, estate and succession planning, business valuation, cost segregation studies, and wealth management; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, its diverse client base ranges in size from single physician practices to major corporations with locations in multiple states and countries around the globe; the firm encompasses specialized knowledge and expertise in several areas including manufacturing, construction, retail/wholesale distribution, physician practices, service organizations and employee benefit plans; and

WHEREAS, As a measure of the LVBW's commitment to Western New York, the firm built a 7,500 square foot building in the Audubon Business Park, offering convenience to both clients and employees alike; the firm now offers state-of-the-art technology in addition to the beautiful park-like setting; and

WHEREAS, Active within their community, LVBW strongly encourages employee volunteerism; as a firm they regularly volunteer for organizations such as the Western New York Food Bank, United Way Day of Caring, and Journey's End, an organization which helps prepare homes for refugees; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when business

organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Small Business Organization of the Year Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP, Amherst, New York.