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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Beacon Hotel of Oswego, 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 Beacon Hotel of Oswego, 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 was celebrated at the 16th Annual Excellence Awards Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel, in Syracuse, New York, on Monday, May 5, 2014; 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, Nominated for this prestigious award by Pathfinder Bank, the Beacon Hotel was founded by local entrepreneurs and real estate investors, Atom and Falecia Avery in 2011; the two used their years of expe-

rience to complete an extensive building renovation, and created a beautiful boutique hotel in Oswego's Historic Franklin Square District; and WHEREAS, Since opening, the Beacon Hotel has become a centerpiece of community life, and a valued member of the local business community; it features all the amenities of a major hotel franchise, but is small enough for its staff to pay attention to the finest of details; and WHEREAS, The Beacon Hotel's outstanding facilities pay tribute to the rich history of the Oswego area, while offering its patrons a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere in which to enjoy their lodging experience; and WHEREAS, Owners Atom and Falecia Avery have contributed their time and energies to the community; Atom serves on the Board of Directors of the Oswego County Federal Credit Union, is a member of the Oswego County Airport Advisory Board, and was recently asked to serve on the Oswego Health Board of Directors; he and Falecia have also raised significant funds for Oswego County Habitat for Humanity; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Beacon Hotel, 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 Beacon Hotel of Oswego, 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 Atom and Falecia Avery, owners of the Beacon Hotel.