

## 2013-J5852

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Handmade and More on May 25, 2014

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Handmade and More, celebrated on Sunday, May 25, 2014, New Paltz, New York; and

WHEREAS, Handmade and More opened as "The Handmade Craft Store" in the beautiful Hudson Valley of New Paltz at 6 North Front Street in November of 1974, during which time the upstairs space housed a studio for dance and exercise classes known as the Dancing Theatre; and

WHEREAS, With its emphasis on quality handcrafted items, Handmade and More was an instant success with both locals and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Handmade grew by leaps and bounds and became Handmade and More in 1985; the Clothing Department at Handmade was added in 1987, and Handmade at Home was recently opened, featuring fine linens and furnishings for the home, located above the main shop; and

WHEREAS, Ann Rodman ran the store successfully for more than 20 years, handing it off to her successor Marge Mustello in 1994; current owner, Melinda Minervini took over in 2009, and was one of Rodman's original employees; and

WHEREAS, Handmade and More's customer service ethic is the same now as it was in 1974, friendly service, no pressure, smiles, and lots of help when you need it; its staff has done a masterful job of continuing to provide a unique selection of jewelry, women's clothing, children's

clothing, and gifts; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the

sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Handmade and More on May 25, 2014;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Handmade and More, New Paltz, New York.