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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Three Brothers Wineries and Estates upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce

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 congratulate Three Brothers Wineries and Estates upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, January 23, 2015, at Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates is located in Geneva, New York, and is composed of three unique wineries and a microbrewery, all on one estate; formerly known as Nagy's Newland Vineyards, Bloomfield native and local businessman, David Mansfield and his wife Luanne Mansfield purchased the business in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Each winery offers a unique ambiance and different experience than the next, and while on the Estate, guests are free to wander its grounds and explore all this exceptional business has to offer; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates provides its guests with a one-of-a-kind experience where they can learn about the bounty of the Finger Lakes grape country and taste the outcome of the harvest from its traditional viniferous wines, to sweet blended wines and the world's first Riesling Ale; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates has

significantly increased its production of wine, and has grown from two full-time employees to 16 full-time employees, as well as more than 80 part-time seasonal staff; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Partner and General Manager, Erica Paolicelli, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates has become one of the premier winery destinations in the Finger Lakes; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates opened one of the first microbrew tasting rooms in Seneca County, and expanded its commitment to clean energy with the expansion of its geothermal heating/cooling systems; and

WHEREAS, Named to Rochester's Top 100 companies in 2014, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates was also named Wine Region of the Year by the prestigious WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE; and

WHEREAS, Also in 2014, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates opened a second location at Eastview Mall in Victor, New York, and invested in its infrastructure to manufacture its new Hard Apple Cider brand, Red Apple Bombshell; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the company introduced Appleosa Hard Cider Slushie Mix, and completed phase three of its long-term construction goals with the addition of four new buildings and a state-of-the-art water filtration system; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast commitment to the community it so ably serves, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates created the "Oh Yes You Can" entrepreneur scholarship fund, and significantly contributes to local charities and not-for-profits; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Three Brothers Wineries and Estates has a long-standing association with Healing Art Missions, raising much needed funds for medical outreach in the poorest areas of Haiti; a portion of

its shopping boutique is also dedicated to breast cancer awareness and fundraising; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for

this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Three Brothers Wineries and Estates of Geneva, New York; 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when businesses and individuals 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 congratulate Three Brothers Wineries and Estates upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Three Brothers Wineries and Estates, Geneva, New York.