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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lyons National Bank upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those illustrious institutions in the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lyons National Bank on the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 112th Annual Dinner at Club 86, Geneva, New York, on Thursday, January 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce takes a leadership role in promoting Geneva through the many services it offers for its members and the community; it serves to encourage and support new businesses and professional opportunities, facilitate tourism, and promote the growth of current businesses in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award, the highest honor a Geneva business can receive locally, is presented annually to one business for its outstanding contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Lyons National Bank has a long-standing tradition of excellence and service dating back to its founding in 1852, when lawyer, land baron, and entrepreneur DeWitt Parshall chartered a private banking house in the upper floor of a building in Lyons, New York, naming it the Palmyra Bank of Lyons; and

WHEREAS, In 1865, the Lyons National Bank obtained its National charter, and in the late 1920s, underwent extensive improvements; during the

Great Depression, it merged with the Gavitt National Bank, reopening under the charter of The Lyons National Bank; and

WHEREAS, Today, this esteemed institution has 12 branches throughout Wayne, Onondaga, Yates, Ontario, and Seneca counties, and will be opening its first branch in Monroe County in 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Lyons National Bank is well-known for its generosity and commitment to community involvement; it has made significant contributions to countless charitable and not-for-profit organizations throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the employees of the Lyons National Bank hold numerous fundraising events throughout the year with donations benefiting many worthy causes; in 2013, the employees donated an estimated 12,000 hours of their time to community service and volunteer activities; and

WHEREAS, With an unrivaled record of philanthropy and sponsorship, the Lyons National Bank continues as a cornerstone within the Geneva community; its remarkable efforts merit the recognition and respectful tribute of the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those organizations for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative, Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lyons National Bank upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lyons National Bank.