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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Steven Chickery upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Business Person of the Year Award by THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious individuals and institutions of 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 longstanding traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend Steven Chickery upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Business Person of the Year Award by THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL Business Person of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual whose leadership, hard work and dedication have had an immeasurable impact on the economic viability and vitality of the region and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Steven Chickery is President of Hudson Valley Office Furniture, a firm founded by his father in 1977, under the name Hudson Valley Stationers; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Hudson Valley Stationers moved to its current location in Poughkeepsie, New York, where it has faithfully served the community for almost three decades; and

WHEREAS, Today, Steven Chickery and his brothers continue their family tradition of offering high quality products with outstanding customer service; the company now has a second location in Newburgh, and a new generation is helping to run the business; and

WHEREAS, Steven Chickery has been called upon to contribute his time

and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In addition to managing Hudson Valley Office Furniture, Steven Chickery serves as Board Chair at Grace Smith House, and as Vice President of the Board at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Steven Chickery has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Steven Chickery has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Steven Chickery upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Business Person of the Year Award by THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Steven Chickery, President, Hudson Valley Office Furniture.