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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. of Bergen, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Small Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those small businesses within the State of New York which contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. of Bergen, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Small Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Batavia Clarion Hotel, Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. is receiving this auspicious award for its continued growth and commitment to Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Bill Guthrie founded Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc.; his enthusiasm to learn new things and further refine his abilities has led all the way from doing repairs on the family farm to running a successful business; and

WHEREAS, Bill Guthrie began his welding career on his family farm in Pavilion, New York; a strong desire to learn new techniques and methods led him to begin specializing in repairing aluminum, which opened new doors in the repair of dump trailers for several local companies; and

WHEREAS, With few shops in the area performing aluminum repairs, Bill Guthrie soon began doing repairs for local tank lines; learning the ropes of repairing aluminum and striving for quality had begun to grow the customer base beyond his expectations; and

WHEREAS, New Federal DOT regulations arrived in 1991, specifically 49 CFR 180.413, which required that repairs of DOT/MC specification tanks be performed by the holder of a National Board "R" stamp; assuring that the repair is performed following an ASME certified welding procedure; and

WHEREAS, At this time Bill Guthrie was joined in the business by his daughter Meg Ryan; she spearheaded the creation of the necessary welding procedures and set up an approved internal Quality Control System; and

WHEREAS, In addition Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. completed the requirements to become a federally registered inspection facility for DOT/MC specification trailers; further changes that year involved forming the corporation and moving to its current location in Bergen, New York; and

WHEREAS, With the continued growth and success of Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. Meg Ryan became its outside sales representative; her broad range of experience in the truck equipment industry has given them a tremendous advantage; and

WHEREAS, With the addition of Matt Ryan as its General Manager, Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. further expanded its business to carry a full line of Street Sweepers, Refuse, and Recyclable Collection Trucks; this vital business also offers custom refined fuel delivery trucks and trailers as a distributor for the Progress Tank, Brenner, Garsite, Beall, and Walker tank lines; and

WHEREAS, Due to its focus on fuel delivery systems, the company stocks many OEM parts to keep its customers' equipment running; they have everything from hose reel parts to overfill monitor probes, and can ship parts to their customer's door or install the product; their experienced mechanics can also perform routine maintenance needs, including brakes, springs, exhaust, and lubrication service; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. is a DOT registered repair and inspection facility; it performs the full range of federally mandated inspections for MC306, MC307, MC312, MC330, MC331, MC338,

DOT406, DOT407, and DOT412 tanks; these specifications cover refined fuels, propane, chemicals, CO2, and vacuum vessels; and

WHEREAS, In early 2012, Meg Ryan assumed the role of President of Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. and is excited to be moving into the future as a woman owned business; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. is committed to safety, continued training for their workforce, and dedication to quality workmanship which has helped set them apart from the competition; and

WHEREAS, Small Businesses such as Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. exert a strong, positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element in the economy of New York State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc. of Bergen, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 Small Business of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Meg Ryan, Owner, Guthrie-Heli Arc, Inc.