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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mohawk Valley EDGE upon the occasion of hosting its 15th Annual Leading EDGE Awards Luncheon, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on May 17, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mohawk Valley EDGE upon the occasion of hosting its 15th Annual Leading EDGE Awards Luncheon, and paying tribute to this year's honorees to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at The State University of New York Polytechnic Institute Fieldhouse, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, A private, not-for-profit corporation, Mohawk Valley EDGE (Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation) is an integral part of the long-term effort by the public and private sectors to strengthen opportunities and open the door for new businesses and industries to locate and grow within Oneida and Herkimer Counties in New York State; and

WHEREAS, This year's Leading EDGE Awards are being presented to Mohawk Valley businesses which are helping to expand the region's economy through investment and job growth, and to individuals who are steadfast leaders in their respective industries and contribute to the superb quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, On the forefront of innovation, growth and sustainability, the local companies receiving Leading EDGE Awards include Heidelberg Baking Company, Kris-Tech Wire, Landmarc Building, Munson-Williams-Proc-

tor Arts Institute and Precisionmatics; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Todd Hutton is being recognized during Tuesday's noon program at SUNY Poly, as well as Ronald Cuccaro, who is the recipient of the Christopher Destito Leading EDGE Award; this honor is given to someone who has had a lifelong commitment to the betterment of the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Keynote Speaker will be Kirk S. Laney, Chief Strategist and former CEO of ams AG, an Austrian company locating a new 360,000 soft fab at the Nano Utica site in Marcy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is pleased to join the Mohawk Valley EDGE in extending sincere appreciation to these honorees for their valuable contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mohawk Valley EDGE upon the occasion of hosting its 15th Annual Leading EDGE Awards, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each of the recipients of the Mohawk Valley EDGE 2016 Leading EDGE Awards.