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Senate Resolution No. 2438

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Mare's Wares Arts Fest upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Best Destination Marketing Initiative Award by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce

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 reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who devote themselves 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 honor Mare's Wares Arts Fest upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Best Destination Marketing Initiative Award by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce which was celebrated at its Tourism Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at the River Road Restaurant, located at the Massena Country Club in Massena, New York; and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce has served the businesses and communities of St. Lawrence County since 1965 with programs and services designed to foster strong economic growth and make the county a great place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, Mare's Wares Arts Fest has been presenting a day of arts and entertainment to celebrate the arts in its many forms including: music, artisans of all types and their wares, wine, beer and distiller tastings, gourmet food, farmers, authors, body workers, and theater groups; and

WHEREAS, In its ninth year, this free event continues to grow larger every year, and includes vendors who create what they sell, have won awards, have their work displayed in shops and galleries and been recognized in periodicals, and many of whom make a living from their work; and

WHEREAS, Mare's Wares Arts Fest has become a well-known artistic, cultural, and educational institution, appealing to an audience of all ages from both the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Mare's Wares Arts Fest showcases live music, children's activities, and educational demonstrations, in addition to the varied high quality work from well-known and well-respected artisans from the North Country and beyond; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mare's Wares Arts Fest upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Best Destination Marketing Initiative Award by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Ann Evans of Mare's Wares Arts Fest.