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Senate Resolution No. 4262

BY: Senator SEWARD

HONORING Hooper Feeds upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 New Business of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce on March 23, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those businesses within the State of New York which have positively impacted 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 Hooper Feeds upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 New Business of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Friday, March 23, 2018, in Bouck Hall, at SUNY Cobleskill College, Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce's annual business awards recognize businesses which have been successful in providing quality products and services to clients and customers, and who have consistently treated their business associates in a fair and respectable manner; and

WHEREAS, For 81 years, Hooper Feeds has strived to provide its

customers high quality feeds and services; the company offers the local farming community cutting edge feed formulations which are based on reliable, research-proven information; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, John J. Hooper purchased a tract of land along the railroad in Gordonville, Pennsylvania, and established John J. Hooper, Inc.; he ran the business for many years as a sole proprietor until the late 1970s, when he sold the mill to Dave Martin, a long-time employee; and

WHEREAS, Dave Martin took on several partners, including his son, Jeff, who then became sole owner in the early 1990s, and subsequently, changed the name to Hooper Feeds; in 2002, Jeff sold the mill to John and Mark Wagner of White Oak Mills, New York, who then sold the mill to Brad Wagner, Ron Moore, and Tom Nauman in April 2010, in the fall of 2014, Ron Moore officially retired from the business; and

WHEREAS, Meanwhile, in Central Bridge, New York, the agriculture industry was struggling and Beacon Mills closed; in 2016, Hooper Feeds bought the mill and resumed manufacturing custom feed for the Central Bridge farming community; and

WHEREAS, Hooper Feeds has created many jobs for Schoharie County residents and new services for local farmers; in addition, the mill contributes to the economy by buying most of its corn used in its feed from local farmers; and

WHEREAS, Today, Hooper Feeds continues to carry on the tradition of manufacturing high quality feeds with the advancement of modern feed technology and science; the company offers a variety of different products and services to meet the needs of its customers; and

WHEREAS, The success of Hooper Feeds is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the business and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Hooper Feeds upon the occasion of its designation as the 2017 New Business of the Year by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hooper Feeds.