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Senate Resolution No. 5361

BY: Senator YOUNG

HONORING the Greater Olean Area Chamber of
Commerce upon the occasion of its 50th Annual
Clambake

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and
acknowledge certain exemplary organizations that strive to provide
business opportunities and economic development to their communities
within this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor
the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of its 50th
Annual Clambake; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce was created at
the chamber board level as a way to gather members together in a casual
atmosphere and celebrate the traditional start of summer in the
community and thank its chamber members; since its inception, the board
designed a Chamber Events Committee to oversee the annual event; and

WHEREAS, One of the originators of the Clambake and former Chamber
Board Director, Dick Barie, was instrumental in the creation of the
clambake event and was a member of the Committee for more than 30 years;
and

WHEREAS, The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Clambake was held at the Castle Inn and Restaurant until the mid-1990s; it was moved to War Veterans Park for about 10 years, then to Premier Banquet Center, and then, Good Times Events Center; two of the clambake years, the event was held in conjunction with The History Channel Great Race; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Clambake averages around 550 members and guests, however for two years attendance reached 800, and two other years more than 700; the event provides a great opportunity to network with new chamber members and catch up with current members; the event offers music, fine food, prizes, and fun for all families; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate milestones in the histories of certain exceptional organizations in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of its 50th Annual Clambake; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce.