

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Ford Gum & Machine Company of Akron, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2013

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the economic well-being and interests of the people of this great Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 congratulate the Ford Gum & Machine Company of Akron, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2013; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, 20-year old Ford S. Mason founded the Ford Gum & Machine Company (Ford Gum) by borrowing money to lease 102 machines and placed them in stores and shops in western New York communities; in 2013, the company remains a leader in the manufacture and distribution of gum balls, gum ball machine banks and assorted confections and health related products for leading American brands; it also offers bulk gum products and machines for the bulk vending industry; and

WHEREAS, In honor of reaching the 100 year milestone, Ford Gum is sponsoring a series of events and special programs throughout the year; this winter, the details of a 100th Anniversary Broker Awards program will be revealed; its Sweets & Snack Expo booth theme to be held in May will be a significant 100th anniversary celebration with a special event to be announced before the show for those visiting the booth; and in the summer, Ford Gum will host another anniversary celebration at its Corporate Headquarters in Akron, New York, for employees, brokers and special friends of the company; and

WHEREAS, Ford Gum is the only company now making gumballs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of its President, George Stege, Ford Gum will continue to build upon its past with an eye on how it will adapt to the future; this focus is the primary reason the Company has been a consistent and successful business enterprise for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Ford Gum & Machine Company of Akron, New York; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Ford Gum & Machine Company of Akron, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ford Gum & Machine Company.