LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter and Suzie Solender upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2013 Stewardship Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Peter and Suzie Solender upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2013 Stewardship Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's annual Small Business Awards Luncheon, to be held on Friday, May 17, 2013, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Married for 46 years in March 2013, Peter and Suzie Solender exemplify the very best in volunteerism, demonstrating that volunteerism is an essential element of all societies, providing a way in which human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Peter Solender has his own company; he is an electronic engineer/medical engineer; he received his B.S.E.E. degree in 1962 from Lehigh University and his M.S.E.E. degree from Carnegie Mellon in 1963; both his degrees were received with highest honors; and

WHEREAS, Suzie Solender received her A.A.S. degree in 1962 from ECC in dental hygiene; she also received both a B.A.B.A. degree in 1968 and a Micro M.B.A. degree in 1995 from SUNY Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, During the years when their children were young, Peter and Suzie Solender were active in numerous community volunteer activities, including the Girl Scouts and PTA, PTSA, and PTA Council at all the children's schools in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter and Suzie Solender were also active on the Parents Council of the Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Both cancer survivors, Peter and Suzie Solender volunteered for numerous American Cancer Society committees and activities; Suzie was also a volunteer for the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, Active in their house of worship, Peter and Suzie Solender have served on many fundraising committees; Suzie also served two terms as Sisterhood President and two terms on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Solenders have been very active locally, regionally and nationally in B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Women; and

WHEREAS, Suzie Solender is currently serving her second three-year term on the Town of Amherst Youth Board; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Peter and Suzie Solender; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peter and Suzie Solender upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2013 Stewardship Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter and Suzie Solender.