

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom Ulbrich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Small Business Advocate of the Year 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tom Ulbrich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Small Business Advocate of the Year 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, Tom Ulbrich is the Executive Director at the University at Buffalo School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership; the Center was developed in 1987 to unlock human potential, create jobs, inspire wealth and invigorate the greater Western New York economy and community through entrepreneurial development; and

WHEREAS, Under the outstanding leadership of Tom Ulbrich, in 2011 the University at Buffalo School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership was recognized as one of the top 100 Small Business Influencers in North America; and

WHEREAS, Tom Ulbrich is a vocal advocate for small business and a member of the NFIB New York State leadership team; and

WHEREAS, Writing and speaking frequently on subjects related to entrepreneurship and the importance of small business to the economy, Tom Ulbrich most recently presented a TED talk entitled, "Is There a Better Way?", exploring the need to teach entrepreneurial skills to students from an early age in an effort to prepare them to succeed in today's rapidly changing world; and

WHEREAS, As a business owner and small business advocate, Tom Ulbrich has a unique understanding of the importance of creating an environment of opportunity for the small business community and strongly believes in the entrepreneurial spirit that makes America great; he is committed to represent these ideals in his role at the University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Tom Ulbrich; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an individual of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, he 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 Tom Ulbrich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Small Business Advocate of the Year Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Ulbrich.