LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Artur Pyrda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Pole of the Year Award by the Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Artur Pyrda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Pole of the Year Award by the Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a non-profit, all volunteer organization based in Syracuse, New York; it was established to give financial assistance to students of Polish descent; and

WHEREAS, Currently a resident of Whitesboro, New York, in 1981, at the age of 16, Artur Pyrda emigrated with his family to Utica, New York, from Krakow, Poland; and

WHEREAS, After obtaining his Electrical Engineering degree from Buffalo University, and after working at Rome Cable, Artur Pyrda founded Automation Experts Incorporated (AEI), a company that currently employs 35 people; it designs and manufactures automated control equipment used by many local and worldwide industries; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Artur Pyrda was elected president of the Utica Polish Community Club; under his presidency, the Club's membership has grown 300 per cent; he also reaches out to both the Polish and Polish American communities; and

WHEREAS, Artur Pyrda and his wife, Jolanta, are the proud parents of two children, Andrew and Christine; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Artur Pyrda has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Artur Pyrda has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Artur Pyrda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Pole of the Year Award by the Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Artur Pyrda.