

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sherry DePerno upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 STEP Ahead Award by The Women in Manufacturing

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Sherry DePerno has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sherry DePerno upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 STEP Ahead Award by The Women in Manufacturing, celebrated at a gala on Thursday, March 26, 2015, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, The Manufacturing Institute launched the Science, Technology, Engineering and Production (STEP) Ahead initiative to honor and promote the role of women in the manufacturing industry through recognition, research, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, As part of the STEP Ahead initiative, the Women in Manufacturing STEP Ahead Awards honor women in the manufacturing industry, such as Sherry DePerno, who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their careers and represent all levels of the manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, After purchasing Advanced Tool Inc. from her parents in 2007, President/CEO Sherry DePerno saw a need for expansion to keep the business going; she was instrumental in the development of Wear Analysis, an innovative and unique concept to the cutting tool industry; and

WHEREAS, Sherry DePerno takes an active role in addressing significant issues by promoting the industry in national publications, participating in industry and educational conferences and committees, and has built a step-by-step training curriculum from the ground up at her facility; and

WHEREAS, Sherry DePerno has a vision to create a CNC end mill manufacturing training center, partnering with local educational institutions to bring the vision to fruition; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman regularly participates in manufacturing day events, conferences, and workshops, at times serving as a Keynote Speaker and Panelist; in addition, she contributes to technical articles in national magazines such as CUTTING TOOL ENGINEERING and MICRO MANUFACTURING; and

WHEREAS, Sherry DePerno recently graduated from the SBA Emerging Leaders executive-level entrepreneurship training initiative, a very competitive, highly selective program; in May of 2014, she was the recipient of SBA's Small Business Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, Sherry DePerno has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Sherry DePerno volunteers for numerous charitable organizations, and is a mentor to both small business proprietors and new companies; she is also the Founder/Executive Director of ALS of Utica; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sherry DePerno has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sherry DePerno upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 STEP Ahead Award by The Women in Manufacturing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sherry DePerno.