

Senate Resolution No. 12

BY: Senator SEWARD

HONORING Hartwick College Center for Craft Food and Beverage upon the occasion of receiving the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Breakthrough Business of the Year Award on October 20, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Hartwick College Center for Craft Food and Beverage upon the occasion of receiving the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Breakthrough Business of the Year Award, celebrated at its Small Business Banquet on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at The Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Now in its 30th year, the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce has served the businesses and communities of Otsego County with programs and services designed to foster strong economic growth and make the county a great place to live and work; it is proud to be a vibrant and active organization which strives to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of the business community; and

WHEREAS, The Otsego County Chamber of Commerce annually presents its Breakthrough Business of the Year Award to a business in Otsego County which demonstrates innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, The Hartwick College Center for Craft Food and Beverage in Oneonta, New York, is being recognized as New York State's first and only brewing industry resource for testing, research, training and business development; and

WHEREAS, The numerous activities conducted at Hartwick College Center for Craft Food and Beverage are funded in part by grants from the Empire State Development Corporation and the Appalachian Regional Commission, a federal-state partnership; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hartwick College Center for Craft Food and Beverage upon the occasion of receiving the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce 2016

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Breakthrough Business of the Year Award on October 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hartwick College Center for Craft Food and Beverage.