

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**COMMENDING** Amodeo Brothers Sunoco upon the occasion of celebrating its 70th Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those small businesses within the State of New York which contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Amodeo Brothers Sunoco upon the occasion of celebrating its 70th Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** For 70 years, Amodeo Brothers Sunoco, of Marlboro, New York, has served its customers with an exceptional level of industry and excellence that is second to none; and

**WHEREAS,** Located in Ulster County, Amodeo Brothers Sunoco is one of the only businesses in the State of New York to be operated at the same location by a single family for 70 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Established on April 17, 1947, by John Amodeo, Sr. and his brother, Thomas, Amodeo Brothers Sunoco is presently run by John Amodeo, Jr., who spent much of his childhood at the station, and his brother-in-law, Stephen Adamshick; and

**WHEREAS,** John Amodeo, Sr. and Thomas Amodeo were born in Monteforte Irpino in the province of Avellino, Italy, and immigrated to the United States when they were young boys; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon opening the service station, John and Thomas struggled, but overcame much adversity through their steadfast hard work and dedication, making Amodeo Brothers Sunoco a permanent fixture and a valued business in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** A true asset to the company, John Amodeo, Jr., affectionately known as Duke, learned the automotive trade from his father who had him watch how things were done at the station; and

**WHEREAS,** Stephen Adamshick began working at Amodeo Brothers Sunoco part-time in 1972, while attending Marist College; after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Finance, coupled with a minor in Economics, he accepted an offer to help run the business; and

**WHEREAS,** Small businesses such as Amodeo Brothers Sunoco exert a strong, positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element in the economy of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Amodeo Brothers Sunoco remains a family enterprise; current owners John Amodeo, Jr. and Stephen Adamshick, as well as their loyal

and dedicated employees, proudly continue the tradition of excellent service that has made this company a success for the past seven decades; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Amodeo Brothers Sunoco upon the occasion of celebrating its 70th Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Amodeo, Jr. and Stephen Adamshick, Owners, Amodeo Brothers Sunoco, Marlboro, New York.