

BY: Senator SEWARD

COMMENDING the State Bowling Center upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Golden Anniversary honoree by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and companies which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and 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 commend the State Bowling Center upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Golden Anniversary honoree by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 50th Anniversary Membership Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Francesca's Banquet Hall, Ilion, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bill Brown purchased the State Bowling Center in 1957, and added a bar area, a banquet room and a dance hall in the 1960s; many local bands played there during those years; and

WHEREAS, During the next decade, new lanes were installed along with under lane ball returns and automatic scoring; business grew and six more lanes were added; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Bill Brown died, and Rod Brown and his wife, Carol, stepped in to run the State Bowling Center, before purchasing the business in 1997; since then, they have made many upgrades; this year will mark Rod's 50th year in the business; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling achievements it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the State Bowling Center upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Golden Anniversary honoree by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the State Bowling Center.