

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**COMMENDING** Upstate Wine & Spirits Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those businesses within the State of New York which distinguish themselves through outstanding professional behavior, corporate innovation, and enduring commitment to the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Upstate Wine & Spirits Company upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary to be celebrated at a party in May of 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded by Peter and Donna Devine, today, Upstate Wine & Spirits is owned by Todd Yutzler; and

**WHEREAS,** For 50 years, Upstate Wine & Spirits has provided its customers with a first class experience when it comes to selecting the perfect wine or spirit no matter the occasion; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2005, Todd Yutzler bought the store from the Devines, who at the time, were selling a lot of high-end wines from Europe that not many stores were carried; and

**WHEREAS,** A lot has changed since the Devines opened what was then known as the Delaware Plaza Liquor Store in Delmar, New York, in 1967; in the past year alone, the store moved into a bigger location within Delaware Plaza to accommodate their growing inventory; and

**WHEREAS,** The new 4,200-square foot space has allowed Todd Yutzler to start offering wine and spirit seminars to the public on a regular basis; the seminars are usually between 60 and 90 minutes long and offer people the chance to sample some of the store's latest offerings; and

**WHEREAS,** Upstate Wine & Spirits also offers a large array of New York State wine and spirits, including several regional companies such as Albany Distilling Company, Adirondack Distillery, Lake Placid Distillery and Core vodka from Chatham; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Upstate Wine & Spirits is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges Upstate Wine & Spirits' success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the corporation and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same success which has so characterized

its past; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Upstate Wine & Spirits Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Todd Yutzler, Owner, Upstate Wine & Spirits Company.