

Senate Resolution No. 1792

**BY:** Senator RATH

**HONORING** Jay Lazarony upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Geneseean of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

**WHEREAS,** From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jay Lazarony upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Geneseean of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 50th Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 12, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Jay Lazarony is receiving this auspicious award for his demonstrated love for and commitment to Genesee County; and

**WHEREAS,** Executive Director of the GLOW Workforce Development Board, Jay Lazarony demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to improving the lives of others through his work with GLOW with Your Hands and the Genesee County Youth Bureau; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the able leadership of Jay Lazarony, the GLOW region's average unemployment rates rank the seventh lowest in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** For more than 40 years, Jay Lazarony has dedicated his life to serving Genesee County; he served as General Manager and ran the day-to-day operations at his family-owned restaurant for over 12 years before transitioning to a career in workforce development in 1991; and

**WHEREAS,** During this time, Jay Lazarony served as a Behavior Technician for the Genesee County ARC where he enjoyed assisting clients with developmental disabilities obtain occupational training and reach their highest level of independence; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1997, he joined Genesee County's Job Development Bureau and served as a Senior Employment and Training Counselor where he was tasked with leading all youth employment programs and teaching the Adolescent Vocational Exploration program; and

**WHEREAS,** With an infectious enthusiasm for mentoring local youth, this admirable man has served as President of the Genesee County Youth Bureau, a vital organization which establishes programs to help motivate

young people to develop a sense of responsibility and make a positive contribution to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Jay Lazarony also co-founded GLOW Works with Your Hands in 2019, a hands-on career exploration event for GLOW region youth, highlighting high-growth and high-demand careers in agriculture, advanced manufacturing, food processing, and skilled trades; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary professional and volunteer, Jay Lazarony is selfless, kind, motivates others and has a great sense of humor; he truly embodies what is great about Genesee County.; and

**WHEREAS**, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Jay Lazarony has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS**, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Jay Lazarony, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jay Lazarony upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Geneseean of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jay Lazarony.