

Senate Resolution No. 2101

**BY:** Senator STEC

**HONORING** Lakeside Coffee upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2022 Small Business of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom 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 Lakeside Coffee upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2022 Small Business of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce, which was celebrated at its 110th Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, March 4, 2022, at the West Side Ballroom in Plattsburgh, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Lakeside Coffee is receiving this prestigious award for its steadfast and unremitting commitment to its Rouses Point, New York, and Northern Tier communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Owned by Norm and Sonya Lague, Lakeside Coffee is located on Lake Street, one of the main roads in Rouses Point, New York; the couple's two children, Peyton and Kayla are learning the coffee business and help their parents at the cafe; and

**WHEREAS,** A self-taught roaster, one of Norm Lague's original, locally-made products are 60/30/10, a blend that brings together three different beans in what is described as medium body with rich taste and citrus-like acidity with notes of caramel and chocolate; and

**WHEREAS,** A vital part of its community, which wholeheartedly supported it through the COVID-19 pandemic, Lakeside Coffee has returned the favor in numerous ways such as hosting blood drives and hat and mitten giveaways, bringing in local children to make Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens or taking donations for the local food shelf; and

**WHEREAS,** A few years ago, Norm and Sonya Lague bought a small park across the street from their cafe on Lake Street which serves as a stop for cyclists and allows the couple to host various events, such as an artisan market; and

**WHEREAS,** Due to the pandemic, Lakeside Coffee has seen a different mixture of clientele, and in 2021, its wholesale side saw huge gains and will be expanded exponentially; and

**WHEREAS,** The remarkable success of Lakeside Coffee is due in large part to its owners and their staff, whose warmth and hospitality are

easily recognized by their loyal patrons; this dynamic couple is well-versed in customer service and truly makes everyone who walks through their door feel like family; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its inception, Lakeside Coffee has stood as a beloved establishment which has provided a friendly, open environment for patrons to collectively gather and share their thoughts, ideas and life experiences; 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 successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lakeside Coffee upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2022 Small Business of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Norm and Sonya Lague, Owners, Lakeside Coffee.