

Senate Resolution No. 1798

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Large Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 21, 2024

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 Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Large Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery is a second-generation family business, established in 1980, in Clarence Center, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the growing business built their state-of-the-art garden center at 8441 County Road in East Amherst; and

WHEREAS, Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery grows over 800 varieties of annuals, perennials, and vegetable plants in their one and a half acre greenhouse, and is home to the largest selection of houseplants in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the nursery offers a wide variety of shrubs and trees along with mulch, topsoil, and natural stone products; the landscape division specializes in residential and commercial installation and clean-ups; for do-it-yourselfers, Lavocat's offers landscape design and delivery services to make every home's exterior charming and aesthetic; and

WHEREAS, Inside the garden center, patrons can immerse themselves in a tranquil environment equipped with an impressive Koi Pond and tropical garden area; the friendly staff provides excellent customer service and can answer all gardening questions; and

WHEREAS, Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery is also dedicated to giving back to the community in a variety of ways; throughout the year, they open their doors to help other businesses sell their products and services in different vendor events and other partnership opportunities; they also work with many small and large non-profit organizations through different fundraisers and donations; and

WHEREAS, The team at Lavocat's has also been focusing on

sustainability initiatives; this includes trending towards using 100% biodegradable pots and growing containers; they also offer a plastic return program, recycling and reusing customers plastic containers; and

WHEREAS, The success of Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated owners and 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 Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery's success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the business 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 honor honoring Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Large Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 21, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery, Clarence Center, New York.