

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Banker Orchards Farm Market upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2023 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 Banker Orchards Farm Market upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2023 Small Business of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce, which was celebrated at its 111th Annual Awards Dinner, "A Winter Wonderland," on Friday, January 27, 2023, at the West Side Ballroom in Plattsburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Banker Orchards Farm Market is receiving this prestigious award for its steadfast and unremitting commitment to its Plattsburgh, New York, and the North Country communities; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1991, Banker Orchards Farm Market has tirelessly served its community for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its owner, Nina Sullivan, Banker Orchards Farm Market offers a variety of freshly grown apples and an array of fresh baked goods, including apple, pumpkin, raspberry, strawberry rhubarb, and blueberry pies; furthermore, this extraordinary establishment grows all its own apples and pumpkins; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Bankers Orchards Farm Market has a Petting Zoo onsite with pigs, goats, llamas, miniature donkeys and horses; it is open to the public, as well as scheduled class trips on weekdays, and birthday parties on weekends; and

WHEREAS, A true Adirondack Coast treasure, Nina Sullivan and her devoted team have built a quality orchard that is a truly stand-alone destination; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Banker Orchards Farm Market has stood as a beloved establishment which has provided countless families with lasting memories; 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 Banker Orchards Farm Market upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2023 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 Nina Sullivan, Banker Orchards Farm Market.