

Assembly Resolution No. 132

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HONORING Clarence Center Preschool, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 9, 2023

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 Clarence Center Preschool, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 50th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Center Preschool, Inc. actually began as Clarence Center Child Care in September of 1992, at 5990 Goodrich Rd in Clarence Center; in November of 1997, Jean and Dale Van Kuren purchased the property at 6260 Goodrich Road, and after three months of extensive renovations, the preschool opened its doors to the public in March of 1998; and

WHEREAS, At that time, Clarence Center Child Care enrolled children ages eight weeks to three years of age; the preschool was designed for children ages three-five years of age with additional space for After School care for school age children; in the Fall of 2014, the preschool relocated to its current location at the corner of Clarence Center and Goodrich Road; and

WHEREAS, Today, Clarence Center Preschool offers childcare for ages 18 months to five years and an after-school program for school age children; and

WHEREAS, For the last 14 years, Clarence Center Preschool has been one of the preschool programs that offer two Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs through the Clarence School District for 4-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, The success of Clarence Center Preschool is in direct correlation to the efforts of its owners Jean and Dale Van Kuren and their 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 the Clarence Center Preschool'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 Clarence Center Preschool, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 9, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jean and Dale Van Kuren, Owners, Clarence Center Preschool, Inc.