Assembly Resolution No. 1440

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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of The Cider Mill in Endicott, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and 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 commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Cider Mill in Endicott, New York; and

WHEREAS, Businesses such as The Cider Mill exert a strong positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element of the economy of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Cider Mill has stood as a cherished landmark for individuals and families throughout the local community and across the Empire State; their renowned products have satisfied many throughout their century of operation; and

WHEREAS, The mill was established around 1926 as a working mill where local farmers could bring apples to be pressed for a small fee (roughly 2 cents per press during the Great Depression); and

WHEREAS, In 1942, Anthony Ciotoli Sr. acquired the property at 2 Nanticoke Avenue which originally housed a lumber business and an old mill; his son Orlando Ciotoli restored the mill to its original purpose of pressing cider, marking the start of a multi-generational family legacy; and

WHEREAS, On a cold winter night in December 1971, a devastating kitchen fire suspected to have started from a candy or caramel apple pot completely destroyed the original building; the family rebuilt the mill within a year, opening the familiar red barn structure that remains a landmark today; and

WHEREAS, With its origins reaching back to 1926, The Cider Mill was purchased by the Ciotoli family in 1942 and was sold to the Burke family, a local Broome County business family, in 2025, marking the first major ownership change in 83 years; and

WHEREAS, Today, The Cider Mill remains a celebration of the tastes, smells, and traditions of fall in Upstate New York; each autumn, thousands make their annual pilgrimage to enjoy signature fresh-pressed pure apple cider, as well as an assortment of cinnamon-dusted cider donuts, hearty apple pies, sweet breads, and other seasonal treats; and

WHEREAS, Committed to growth and valuable service to its patrons,

new additions to The Cider Mill include a specialty retail section, ice cream, single-portion baked goods, coffee, and more; and

WHEREAS, For those who love the season of autumn, The Cider Mill offers an unbeatable variety of crisp, flavorful New York State apples, hand-picked for their exceptional quality; additionally, the business offers a vibrant array of fall mums in many colors, festive pumpkins for carving or decorating, colorful Indian corn, gourds, and a wide selection of seasonal treasures that capture the essence of fall; and

WHEREAS, The former Cider Mill Playhouse, now known as the BLAST/Cider Mill Stage, was founded by Dr. John Bielenberg in 1976 as an extension of the Binghamton University theatre program; continuing to thrive today, the Cider Mill Stage hosts a beloved adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," a production that has graced the stage for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, The success of The Cider Mill is in direct correlation to the efforts of its hardworking and dedicated staff, all of whom are considered integral parts of the success of the business; their 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 business and the community it serves; 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 success it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Cider Mill; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Cider Mill of Endicott, New York.