

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mike Cioffi, owner of the Phoenicia Diner, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce on May 21, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and whose purposeful endeavors, as involved members of the community, enhance the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mike Cioffi, owner of the Phoenicia Diner, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his exceptional leadership and commitment to the community he serves; and

WHEREAS, Mike Cioffi will be honored by the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce at its annual awards dinner, to be held at the Hanah Country Resort and Spa in Margaretville, New York, on Wednesday, May 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Built in 1962 and moved to the Catskills in the early 1980s, the Phoenicia Diner has a long history of serving customers who are drawn to the Catskill's natural beauty; located along Route 28 just past the hamlet of Phoenicia, the restaurant has nurtured its customers for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Mike Cioffi, a weekender in Margaretville for more than 20 years, had always admired the Phoenicia Diner's look and unique location; upon the sale of his New York City based company, he was looking for a new adventure and purchased the diner from its previous owner; and

WHEREAS, With a kitchen upgrade, a dining room refresh and a menu update, Mike Cioffi gave the Phoenicia Diner a fresh new look while keeping the old charm of bygone days when a diner meant a welcome environment, great food and a respite from travel; and

WHEREAS, By offering residents, weekenders and visitors fresh food sourced from the Catskills and Hudson Valley farms, a menu crafted by his chef Mel Rosas, offering traditional diner favorites, some with a modern twist, the Phoenicia Diner has become the hottest spot to eat along the Route 28 roadway; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize Mike Cioffi, owner of the Phoenicia Diner, for his commitment and contributions to the central Catskills area and to its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and businesses of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mike Cioffi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mike Cioffi.