

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Tommyrotter Distillery upon the occasion of winning the Chairman's Trophy for its Cask Strength Bourbon-Barrel Matured Gin at the Ultimate Spirits Challenge

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the achievements of businesses which contribute substantially to the economic health and vitality of the communities of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Tommyrotter Distillery upon the occasion of winning the Chairman's Trophy for its Cask Strength Bourbon-Barrel Matured Gin at the Ultimate Spirits Challenge; and

WHEREAS, The Ultimate Beverage Challenge strives to create and establish a new and higher standard of evaluation for spirits and wine which provides accurate, meaningful and useful results in recognizing and promoting the quality of beverage alcohol products; it accomplishes this by the integrity of its people and approach, innovative and exacting methodology, and through the credibility of its results; and

WHEREAS, Tommyrotter Distillery's Cask Strength Bourbon-Barrel Matured Gin was awarded 95 points at the Ultimate Spirits Challenge, earning an Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation and the Chairman's Trophy; and

WHEREAS, The judges at this year's challenge truly appreciated Tommyrotter Distillery's American gin, describing the winning entry as an intense nose which is driven by Szechuan pepper, coriander, rosemary, and dried yuzu; the palate is hot at first, but then flavors of dried cherries, cranberries, and chai balance the intensity of the alcohol; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Bobby Finan and Sean Insalaco in July of 2015, Tommyrotter Distillery is headquartered in a 116-year-old factory in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Using New York State-sourced products, Tommyrotter Distillery makes craft vodka, gin, and whiskey, playing a key role in developing Buffalo's craft beverage industry; and

WHEREAS, After much hard work and tireless efforts by the owners, Tommyrotter Distillery was the proud recipient of the Chairman's Trophy for its powerful but balanced spirit, Cask Strength Bourbon-Barrel Matured Gin; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges Tommyrotter Distillery'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 sparkling success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Tommyrotter Distillery upon the occasion of winning the Chairman's Trophy for its Cask Strength Bourbon-Barrel Matured Gin at the Ultimate Spirits Challenge; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bobby Finan and Sean Insalaco, Owners, Tommyrotter Distillery.