

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING DELLA Auto Group upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2026 Business of the Year Award

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 DELLA Auto Group upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2026 Business of the Year Award by the North Country Chamber of Commerce at its 114th Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the Warren Ballroom at SUNY Plattsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1983 by Michael Della Bella Sr. and his wife, Carmen, DELLA Auto Group has grown from a family-founded enterprise into a cornerstone of the North Country economy, reflecting decades of dedicated investment in people, community, and regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, Now led by the second generation of the Della Bella family-siblings Michael Jr., Christopher, Anthony, and Kiara Della Bella-the company continues to exemplify the enduring values of family leadership, entrepreneurship, and community commitment; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, DELLA Auto Group has expanded to include seven dealerships throughout the North Country, with Plattsburgh serving as a major hub featuring Kia, Toyota, Honda, Mitsubishi, Polaris Motor Sports, Subaru, and Chevrolet locations, as well as a full-service center; and

WHEREAS, DELLA Auto Group is a major economic force in the region, representing a total investment of many millions of dollars and providing employment to more than 375 individuals, including over 200 residents who live and work in Clinton County; and

WHEREAS, Through its growth and sustained success, DELLA Auto Group has played a significant role in strengthening the regional economy while maintaining a steadfast dedication to community engagement and charitable support; and

WHEREAS, The company supports numerous local and regional organizations, including United Way, CV-TEC, CVPH, SUNY Plattsburgh, Chazy Youth Hockey, the Plattsburgh YMCA, the Salvation Army, JCEO, the Clinton County Fair, the North Country SPCA, and the North Country Chamber of Commerce, among many others; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of DELLA Auto Group as the 2026 Business of

the Year underscores its reputation as a leading employer, responsible corporate citizen, and respected family-owned enterprise whose contributions enhance the quality of life throughout the North Country; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the success of DELLA Auto Group stands as a testament to the vision of its founders, the leadership of the Della Bella family, and the dedication of its management and employees, all of whom share in this well-deserved honor; 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 DELLA Auto Group upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2026 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 DELLA Auto Group.