

Senate Resolution No. 1986

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Martin's Pretzel Bakery upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the National Small Business Manufacturer of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished individuals and businesses which 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 Martin's Pretzel Bakery upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the National Small Business Manufacturer of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration, to be recognized on Monday, May 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Josiah Martin and Justus Martin, owners of Martin's Pretzel Bakery of Moira, New York, were selected among outstanding businesses from across the nation for this competitive and prestigious accolade; and

WHEREAS, Martin's Pretzel Bakery is a family business driving Martin's Handmade Pretzels, serving as a powerful example of rural manufacturing growth and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Carrying forward a pretzel-making tradition that spans nearly a century, Josiah Martin purchased and relocated the bakery to Moira, New York, where he works alongside family upholding its legacy; Josiah Martin co-manages Martin's Country Store with his father, Justus Martin; and

WHEREAS, After a devastating fire threatened to end operations less than two months after opening in 2020, the business was rebuilt through determination, strong community support, and assistance from the North Country Small Business Development Center; now, Martin's Pretzel Bakery continues to grow, create jobs, and bring a long-standing family tradition to new markets; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding achievement builds on their earlier recognition as the 2025 New York State Small Business Development Centers Phoenix Award recipient, which highlighted a continued journey of growth, resilience, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Martin's Pretzel Bakery upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the National Small Business Manufacturer of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josiah Martin and Justus Martin, owners of Martin's Pretzel Bakery.