Senate Resolution No. 2274

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of Davidson's Furniture

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Davidson's Furniture, to be celebrated in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Alexander Davidson in 1876, Davidson's Furniture has been serving the Hornell, New York, community for 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 150 years, ownership of Davidson's Furniture has been passed down from father to son within the Davidson family; four generations of Davidsons have owned and operated the store; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Davidson owned and operated Davidson's Furniture from 1876-1920, then Alexander P. Davidson from 1911-1955, Adam T. Davidson from 1953-2005, and currently, Mike Davidson has owned the store since 1990; and

WHEREAS, The employees at Davidson's Furniture are just as committed to providing the best service to community members as its owners; the store's longest tenured employee, Angela Nasca, began working immediately after high school at 18 years old, and remained at Davidson's Furniture for 66 years; and

WHEREAS, Davidson's Furniture has been a staple in the Hornell community since its inception, and it is the oldest store in Hornell; it is believed that Davidson's Furniture is one of the oldest continuous family-owned furniture stores in New York State, signifying its endurance and decades of success; and

WHEREAS, The original Davidson's Furniture store was located on Main Street in Hornell, but the store later moved to a location on Broadway, and finally settled in its current location on Main Street as of 1970; and

WHEREAS, The current store boasts three floors of merchandise and is open seven days a week; customers who enter Davidson's Furniture will find a wide selection of perfect and competitively-priced furniture for every space in the home, including living rooms, bedrooms, dining areas, home offices, entertainment setups, and flooring; and

WHEREAS, Current owner Mike Davidson is committed to keeping the family legacy alive through Davidson's Furniture; with the help of his

wife, Sharon, who serves as the chief financial officer, and his sister, Barbara McCarthy, along with the committed staff, Mike Davidson is confident Davidson's Furniture will continue to serve Hornell for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Outside of Davidson's Furniture, Mike Davidson is heavily involved in the local community, and serves as a member and leader of several organizations, including the Hornell Partners for Growth, the Hornell Area Family YMCA, the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency, and the Hornell Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last century and a half, Davidson's Furniture has played a crucial role in turning empty houses into well-loved homes by providing the necessary furniture for families to create countless memories; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of its 150 years of operation, Davidson's Furniture currently has a commemorative banner outside its building, and all patrons who enter the store in 2026 will receive a yardstick, which is a nod to a practice that the store's original founder, Alexander Davidson, once did; and

WHEREAS, The success of Davidson's Furniture is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and owners, whose 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 community; 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 commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Davidson's Furniture, to be celebrated in 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Davidson's Furniture.