

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**COMMEMORATING** the 150th Anniversary of I.D. Booth,  
Inc. of Elmira, New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate those long-standing institutions which have faithfully served their communities and contributed to the economic vitality and historical fabric of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of I.D. Booth, Inc. to be celebrated with a special event on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the company's William Street location in Elmira, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1875, I.D. Booth, Inc. marks its 150th Anniversary in 2025, representing five generations of family leadership and a proud tradition of service, innovation, and resilience in the hardware and building supply industry; and

**WHEREAS,** I.D. Booth Inc.'s story begins with its founder, Irving D. Booth (1843-1914), who launched a "Heavy Hardware" business in Elmira, New York; as a jobber, he provided vital supplies such as nails, horseshoes, steel, wire, and tin plates-products that helped support the growing infrastructure and development of the region; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1903, Irving's son, Irving Dennison Booth (1884-1957), joined the business, and that same year, the company was formally incorporated as I.D. Booth, Inc.; upon his father's passing, Irving Dennison Booth took over leadership and guided the company into new phases of growth and modernization; and

**WHEREAS,** The third generation of leadership began with John Seeley Booth Sr., who became president after the death of his father in 1957; under his guidance, I.D. Booth, Inc. began to expand into neighboring communities, widening its regional footprint and reinforcing its reputation for reliability and quality service; and

**WHEREAS,** Continuing the family tradition, the fourth generation-Peter Sicard Booth and John Seeley Booth Jr.-sustained and further advanced the company's growth, helping to diversify its product offerings and strengthen its community ties; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, under the leadership of the fifth generation-J. Walter Booth and John S. Booth III-I.D. Booth, Inc. remains headquartered in Elmira and has grown to stock over 20,000 products in the plumbing, electrical, and HVAC categories, while proudly serving customers throughout Central and Western New York, and into the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS,** I.D. Booth, Inc. exemplifies the values of dedication, perseverance, and community spirit, and its remarkable legacy is a

testament to the vision, commitment, and hard work of the Booth family over a century and a half; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend I.D. Booth, Inc. on the auspicious occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and to extend sincere best wishes for continued success and service for generations to come; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to I.D. Booth, Inc.